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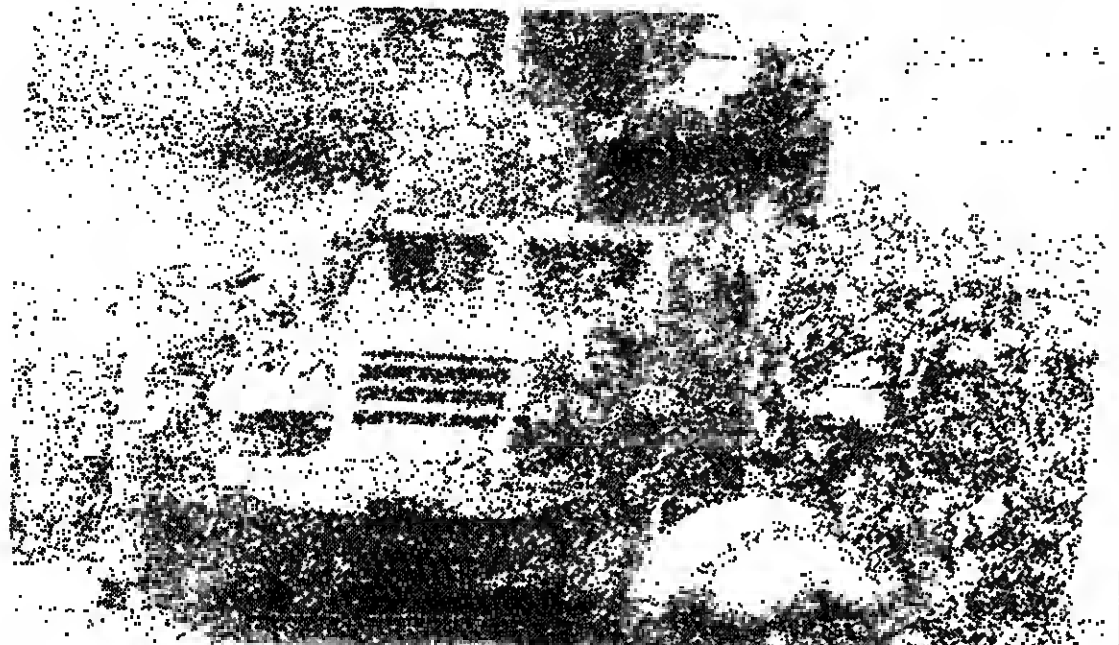
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In state funeral

Boumedienne buried



FUNERAL PROCESSION: The wreath-covered armored personnel carrier carrying the body of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne to its gravesite, makes its way through a crowd in Algiers Friday. Selected officers from the Algerian army, navy and air force stand at attention behind the personnel carrier. (Wirephoto)

ALGIERS, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Algeria buried President Houari Boumedienne Friday in an emotional state funeral that brought millions into the streets in final homage.

"Boumedienne, the people and the army are with you," the crowds shouted as the cortege slowly made its way through a sea of mourners waving flags and carrying enormous portraits of the fiery independence leader who governed Algeria for 13 years.

"Boumedienne died Wednesday after a rare blood disease put him in a coma for 40 days. 'God is Great,' the crowd shouted. 'Brother Boumedienne we are with you.'

The burial took place in Martyrs Square at El Alia cemetery, in the presence of such heads of state as Libya's President Moammar Qaddafi, Pakistan President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, and Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou.

Representing Saudi Arabia was Foreign Minister Prince

Saud Al-Faisal.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter sent Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, the president's son Chip at the head of a 16-member delegation, which included three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali.

Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet attended on behalf of the French government. Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba sent his wife and son.

Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika gave a 40-minute funeral oration, his voice frequently breaking with emotion. Several other members of the leadership wept during the speech.

Earlier the state funeral was disrupted for more than 30 minutes when crowds broke through police ranks to reach the gun carriage carrying the coffin of President Boumedienne.

About 40 motorcycle outriders, sirens wailing, accompanied the funeral cortege, moving at a steady pace, with two

truck-mounted water cannons following.

Foreign delegations joined the procession, 800 meters from the cemetery entrance.

Officers of the Algerian armed forces then carried President Boumedienne's coffin on foot. (Continued on back page)

Plane crash kills 10 in U.S.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 29 (UPI) — A United Airlines jet with 185 persons aboard, after possibly running out of fuel, crashed near the Portland airport Thursday night, killing at least 10 aboard.

The DC-8 smashed through two vacant houses and came to a halt in a wooded lot. Most of the passengers and crew survived.

There was no fire, leading to the speculation that the pilot either jettisoned excess fuel or the plane ran out of fuel during its hour of circling.

The pilot, Capt. Malburn McBroome, had radioed the control tower with an "amber alert" because of a landing gear problem. At 8:17 p.m. he suddenly shouted: "Mayday, Mayday, engines are flaming out, we are going down, we're not going to make the airport."

The plane clipped off the top of a tree south of the crash site, roared past a house about 50 feet off the ground, smashed two vacant houses, cut utility lines and landed in a wooded lot in a thickly populated area east of downtown Portland.

Violence could spread to other areas—Ecevit

ANKARA, Dec. 29 (R) — Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Friday the violence in Turkey could spread to other parts of the country despite the imposition of martial law in major cities.

He issued the warning after meeting with senior military commanders, security chiefs and civilian officials to discuss how martial law should be enforced. It was declared three days ago in 13 provinces, including Ankara and Istanbul, after a weekend of political and sectarian riots in which 105 people died.

"There now appears to be the possibility of violence shifting to provinces other than those already under martial law," Ecevit told reporters.

There have been several more incidents since the emergency measures went into force but an official spokesman said no parallel should be drawn between the disturbances in Turkey and the upheavals in neighboring Iran.

Thursday night a public prosecutor in the southern industrial city of Tarsus was shot dead by unknown gunmen in front of his home.

On the Black Sea coast, two students were killed in disturbances between left and right-wing student groups.

Ecevit, who is accused by conservatives of deliberately letting the violence get out of hand to bolster his own position, said Friday's meeting reviewed the security situation in the provinces.

Under the emergency regulations, military commanders are empowered to make arrests



Bulent Ecevit

and search homes without judicial warrants. They can also censor mail, the media and all communications.

An official spokesman said the situation in the country was quiet, but security forces arrested 53 people in Istanbul and 75 in the southeastern city of Kahraman Maras, the focal point of recent rioting.

He said the 75 had been formally charged and a further 86 were still being questioned. All but 13 of the 105 people killed there had been identified, and their bodies returned to their families.

Troops conducting searches found large caches of weapons, including sub-machineguns and dynamite.

A Western traveler who returned from Kahraman Maras Friday, described the atmosphere there as very tense, with many troops on patrol and numerous roadblocks.

"The people are very scared and afraid of new trouble breaking out," he said.

Opposition leader asked to form Iran government

TEHRAN, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — The Shah of Iran has asked Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, a member of the opposition National Front, to form a new government, Bakhtiar said Friday.

Bakhtiar, leader of the Iran Party within the National Front, said the monarch had asked him Thursday to try to form a civilian cabinet to replace the present military-led regime.

Bakhtiar said he had begun consultations with other National Front colleagues, including front leader Karim Sanjabi, before deciding whether to accept the Shah's request.

Political sources said Friday Bakhtiar could present his list of cabinet ministers as early as Sunday and take over the premiership next week.

But most of the anti-Shah opposition has warned that it will not accept any new government so long as the Shah remains part of the state structure, a condition that the monarch is still refusing to abandon.

In Paris Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's self-exiled opposition leader, reacted unfavorably in reports of a new civilian government.

One of his spokesmen reaffirmed Khomeini "does not accept the principle of forming a new government under the reign of the Shah or under the royal regime."

"The Ayatollah has always maintained that the necessary condition for forming a new government would be the departure of the Shah and the abolition of the monarchy in Iran," the spokesman said.

Political sources said the Shah urged Bakhtiar Thursday night to form a new civilian government after Dr. Gholam-Hossein Sadiqi, a 73-year-old former interior minister, vir-

tually gave up attempts to form a government himself.

Palace sources said the Shah was determined to stay on in his post but would pass most of his powers to the new government.

Sadiqi was asked Dec. 20 to be premier of the new government, but sources said he pulled back after militant protests by forces who oppose any cooperation with the Shah.

The French-educated Bakhtiar was deputy minister of labor in the government of Gen. Muhammad Mossadeq, which ruled Iran from 1950-53 and briefly forced the Shah into exile at that time.

Meanwhile sources in Wash-

ington said U.S. officials are considering sending a Navy carrier task force into the Gulf in response to the Iranian crisis.

The sources, asking not to be named, said such a move would underscore President Jimmy Carter's stand against any "external forces" intervening in troubled Iran.

The administration sources stressed Thursday that there has been no decision about moving navy forces into the Gulf and that no orders have been issued. They said, however, that such a move has been under serious consideration for several days.

The sources also said con-

tingency plans are being drawn for the evacuation of 35,000 Americans in Iran and for removal or disabling of high advanced U.S. military equipment in the hands of Iranian military.

The sources did not expand on the use of the term "external forces," but they hinted by referring to the Soviet Union.

There is no U.S. aircraft carrier stationed in the Indian Ocean area now. If a decision were made to send one to the Gulf, a carrier likely would have to be brought from the 7th Fleet in the Pacific, the sources said. Carrier task fo-

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Begin: No Palestine state will ever be established

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin vowed Friday that "no Palestinian state will ever arise," and said new Jewish settlements will be built in the occupied West Bank.

But the Israeli premier added that his government has taken no decision yet on when, or where the settlements will be built.

Begin said he backed his Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, who spoke last week of a need for 20 more West Bank settlements in the next five years—a period coinciding with a transition period of Palestinian autonomy agreed upon by Egypt and Israel at the Camp David summit in September.

Israeli officials say Dayan's statement on settlements was in effect a reply to Egyptian Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali, who said Thursday the struggle for an independent Palestinian state will start after an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is concluded.

The new settlements would show that Israel does not intend to be expelled from the West Bank, Dayan said.

Begin claimed an independent state controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organization "would be a danger not only to the security, but to the very existence of Israel."

The government ordered a freeze on new settlements after Camp David at President Carter's request. But Begin has sidestepped questions on whether

he believes the freeze is over since talks with Egypt for a treaty have gone beyond the three-month deadline.

"No decision has yet been taken by the cabinet," Begin told Israeli newspaper editors. "A day will come when the cabinet will take proper decisions on this issue."

He gave no clue when the subject may arise in the cabinet, which must approve each addition to the 48 existing West Bank settlements.

West Bankers affirm that the existence of the settlements proves Israel's intention

of maintaining control over the area, despite the plan for Palestinian self-rule. They cite the settlements as one reason they reject the autonomy plan. The United States believes the settlements are illegal and in violation of the Geneva Convention prohibiting the transfer of population to occupied areas.

Israeli army troops evicted Jewish nationalists from two hills in the West Bank they occupied this week in an attempt to force the government into a decision on the

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U.S.-PLO dialogue reported under way

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 — The Carter administration is conducting a secret dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization with the help of a congressional intermediary, American sources said Friday.

President Carter received a message this week from PLO leader Yasser Arafat, hand-carried from Beirut by a prominent Palestinian American and relayed to the White House by Representative Paul Findley of Illinois, the sources said.

Several weeks ago, the Palestinian-American had carried a note to Arafat from President Carter, also through Findley's office.

The reported exchange of letters between Carter and Arafat resulted from Findley's four-hour meeting with the PLO leader in Damascus late last month.

At that meeting, Arafat dictated to the congressman a personal message to Carter, which Findley then delivered to the White House.

The contents of the letters are not known. But informed sources here believe the notes dealt with PLO acceptance of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza as part of a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

At a press conference earlier this month, Findley said Arafat had pledged the PLO would renounce violent tactics and extend de facto recognition to Israel if such a Palestinian state were created.

American sources said the Baghdad summit had convinced the Carter administration that the PLO could not be ignored as a political force in the

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French-German rift delays EMS birth

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — France Friday delayed the birth of the Common Market's new European Monetary System (EMS) which had been due to come to life with the new year.

The hard-fought much-heralded system devised to bring currency stability in Europe will have to wait until France and West Germany solve a quarrel about farm prices.

Central currency rates for the eight participating countries — Britain is the only Common Market member in have stayed out — against the new European Currency Unit (ECU) could not be fixed Friday as planned. They were to have come into force on Jan. 2 when foreign exchange markets reopen after the New Year break.

French Prime Minister Raymond Barre's office said the Common Market farm ministers would have to settle related agricultural pricing problems to France's satisfaction before the EMS could be set up.

Meanwhile, informed sources said the foreign exchange market and the Common Market's common farm policy will function as before.

The French franc, the Italian lira and the Irish pound were due to join the system called the "snake" in which the currencies of West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Denmark float together.

When the EMS was officially agreed at the Brussels Common Market summit early in December, France made it a condition that the system of Monetary Compensatory Amounts (MCA's) be reformed.

The MCA's are a complex mechanism acting as levies or subsidies devised to offset currency fluctuations in Common Market farm trade.

Generally speaking they benefit strong currency farm producers like West Germany and weak currency food importers such as Britain.

On the other hand they penalize weak currency farm producers like France and Italy which get a lower price for their products.

At the last Common Market agriculture ministers meeting, France insisted on an agreement to cancel automatically within one year any new MCA's arising from a possible appreciation of the stronger currencies.

France also wants existing MCA's gradually phased out according to an agreed timetable.

But West German Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl, known as the "Bavarian farmers' champion" vetoed the French demands, thus sparking a crisis whose significance was not immediately realized.

Any special meeting to clear the issue would be called at the initiative of France which takes over from West Germany on Jan. 1 as chairman of the Common Market's council of ministers.

Barring any such move Com-

mon Market farm ministers are scheduled to meet here on Jan. 15 but the deadline will be hard to break because of vested interests on both sides, informed sources said here.

West German government spokesman Armin Gruenewald said his country is trying to "clarify" the status of the new EMS.

Asked at a news conference about the French objections, he said since West Germany now holds the rotating chairmanship of the Common Market it naturally is trying to "seek clarification where it is needed."

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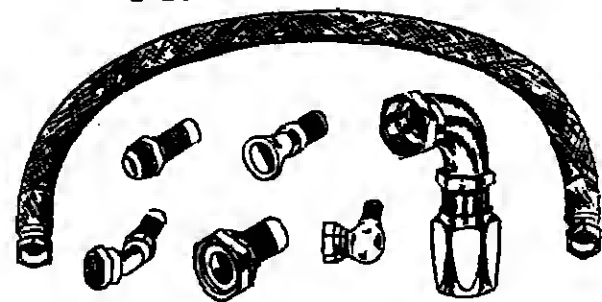
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Health Ministry to take over hospitals

TAIF, Dec. 29 (SPA) — All non-military state hospitals and departments providing health services in Saudi Arabia will come under the control of the Ministry of Health, a three-day conference on health coordination here decided this week.

In a move designed to cut duplication of services and improve communication between the ten agencies providing health care in Saudi Arabia, all civil health services, except those of university hospitals, will become the ministry's responsibility.

This presumably includes all state medical facilities in the country except those managed by the Armed Forces and the National Guard, although the status of Riyadh's King Faisal Specialist Hospital, operated on behalf of the Royal Court, was not immediately clear.

At the close of its three-session Friday, the conference also resolved to set up a ministerial council to coordinate health policies and undertake long-term planning. The council will be headed by the vice-president of the Higher Committee for Administrative Reform and will form an executive board headed by the Minister of Health.

Bus driver shows he too has heart

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — Ahmad Muhammad Saleh was injured in Sahifah district here Wednesday when a bus moved off as he was alighting. "Al-Bilad" reported Thursday. The driver jumped out, ran back to Ahmad, stuffed SR30 in his pocket and drove off again.



MECCA: Old and new apartment blocks cling to the hillsides at one of the entrances to Mecca.

Direct calls to whole Gulf coming soon, Kayyal says

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — International telephone calls by direct dialing will soon be possible with all countries in the Gulf, Minister of Post, Telephone and Telecommunications Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal said Friday.

Fourteen ground satellite stations have been constructed in various parts of Saudi Arabia to make possible international calls from all regions, Kayyal said.

Meanwhile, a 6,336-line extension to the telex network will be in operation within the next few months, he said.

The board of the Arab Satellite Communications Organization (Arabsat) ended a six-day session here Thursday, after taking preliminary decisions on

the size and capacity of the proposed Arab satellites and on frequencies, relay stations and technical training centers for the project.

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — A code should be drawn up for arbitrating trade disputes in the Muslim world, the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs proposed this week.

Winding up four days of meetings at the Organization of the Islamic Conference secretariat here Friday, the commission recommended that the newly-formed Islamic Chamber of Commerce in Karachi formulate the arbitration code.

The 18-member commission is responsible for following up resolutions of the annual Islamic foreign ministers' conference.

To a number of resolutions toward improving Islamic economic performance, the commission called for support for the Islamic Statistical, Economic and Social Research Center, recently established in Ankara.

It is intended that Muslim countries supply the center with information particularly on manpower and technical expertise—shortages or surplus—so that the center can then act as a data bank for all Muslim countries. Heads of statistical agencies of OIC member states are expected to meet at the center in April.

The commission urged the

Islamic secretariat to circulate a note among member states exhorting them to increase trade among themselves and to promote joint ventures in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank and the Ankara center.

It also called upon OIC member states to participate in a conference proposed by Pakistan on industrial cooperation in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Industrial Development Center of Arab States.

The commission further recommended that the secretariat and the Rome-based Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) prepare a joint work program to develop agriculture.

Meetings should also be convened on shipping, air transport, postal services, telecommunications and tourism in 1979 by the OIC secretariat to prepare for a meeting of ministers.

It also urged the Islamic Development Bank and other financial institutions in the Muslim world to help land-

Double wedding nearly founders

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — A Jeddah father marrying off his daughters in a double ceremony recently, got the names of his future sons-in-law mixed up as he was giving approval to the marriage registrar, "Al-Bilad" reports.

Under Muslim Law, only divorce can sever vows once taken. Terrified of scandal, the father told the girls to make shift for few days until he could sort the matter out privately.

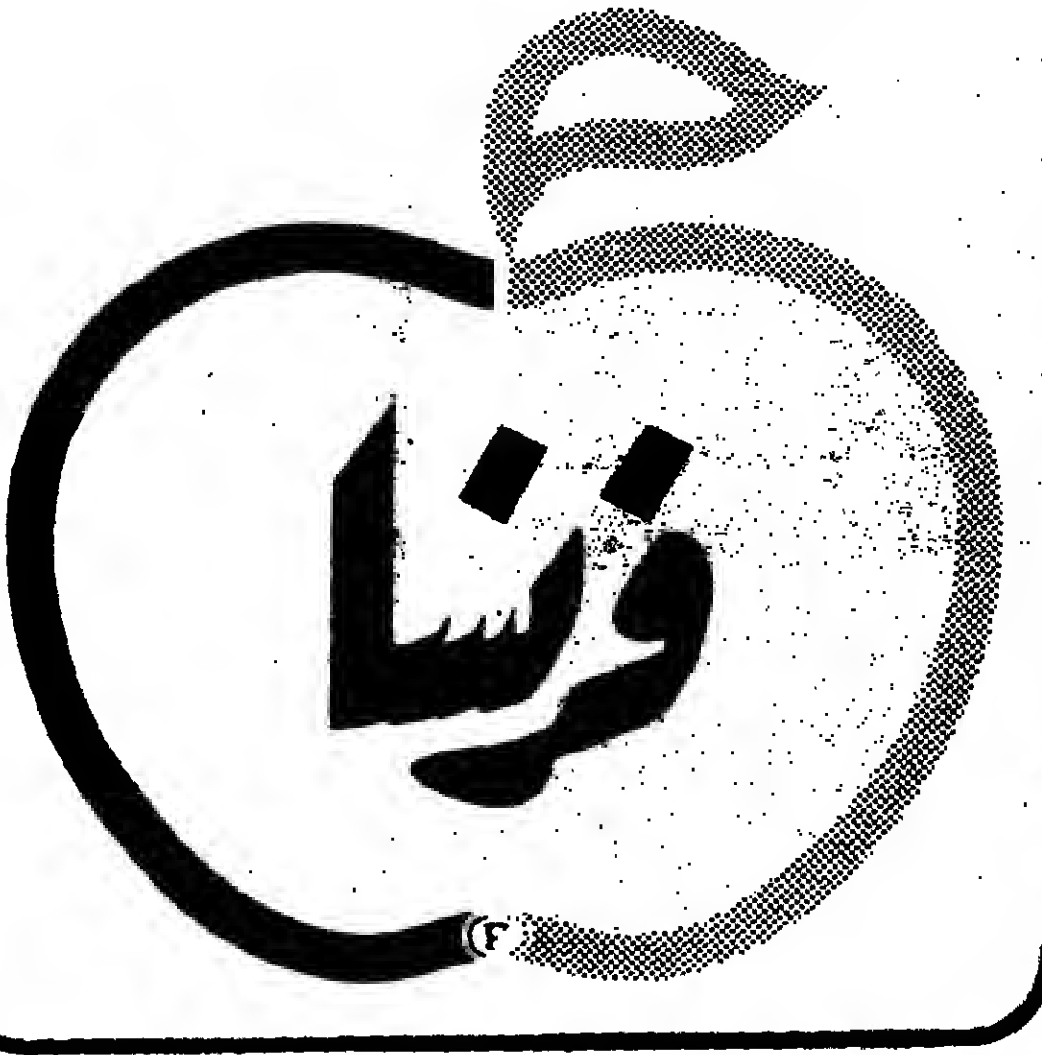
But on oed — the daughters called the next day to say they were quite happy with the wrong husbands and would not agree to divorce.

In Muslim world

Jeddah panel urges code for trade dispute

locked Muslim states finance transport and communications projects. It noted with appreciation the statement made by the representative of Saudi Arabia that its voluntary contribution of \$1 million announced at the Dakar conference should be for an Islamic Center for Vocational and Technical Training and Research in Dacca.

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House unit head charges 'Israeli uranium' coverup

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A Congressional report on the mysterious disappearance of 206 pounds of bomb-grade uranium thought stolen by Israeli agents is being blocked from public release under orders from the CIA and FBI, the House Commerce Subcommittee on energy and power chairman said Thursday.

Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) said the entire report prepared by the General Accounting Office has been classified as secret. He said he was assured six months ago by GAO that, at most, only the most sensitive areas in the report would be classified.

"I think it is time that the public be informed about the facts surrounding the... affair and the possible diversion of bomb-grade uranium to Israel," he said in a letter to

Comptroller Gen. Elmer Staats.

"Only full public disclosure can lay to rest widespread suspicions of a government cover-up of either a real or a feared diversion," he said.

Dingell also charged that the agency was denied access to all files of the FBI and CIA. He found "it difficult to understand how the FBI and CIA could demand that the report be classified if they refused to cooperate with the investigation."

The FBI and CIA said they cooperated in the GAO investigation and that the report contains sensitive information.

The case concerns the disappearance of 206 pounds of uranium from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp., a private firm in Apollo, Pa., and suspicions that

the uranium was smuggled to Israel in the early 1960s for atomic weapons.

Much of the suspicion has centered on Zelman Shapiro, owner of the firm, whom FBI documents say "had very close ties with Israel."

But documents released under the Freedom of Information Act last year said government investigations over the past 11 years failed to uncover evidence the uranium was sent to Israel.

The documents said the FBI concluded in an investigation begun in 1976 that Shapiro could not be prosecuted for any crime "because there is no evidence of any crime."

The now-defunct Atomic Energy Commission reached a similar conclusion. "It cannot be said unequivocally that theft or diversion has not taken place but the most probable explanation is that NUMEC consistently underestimated its plant process losses and that the difference between actual and estimated losses was passed on from completed jobs to new jobs," said an internal AEC memo released with the documents last year.

In his letter, Dingell said the most recent FBI investigation of the case began more than 30 months ago and that agents "still have not interviewed some of the central actors involved."

The CIA said the GAO report was classified "because of sources and methods" and "information contained in it." It would not elaborate.

The FBI said the agency "has not improperly blocked the report. It does contain sensitive information which under the current GAO procedures was classified."

The GAO would not discuss the report or its classification.

Elizabeth Collard dies; was pro-Arab journalist

LONDON, Dec. 29 (R)—Journalist Elizabeth Collard, who for 20 years helped lead the struggle to promote closer understanding between the Arab world and the West, died at the age of 67.

Begin reveals U.S. promise on oil supply

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (AP)—Israel is worried about the upheaval in Iran, its largest fuel supplier, but has an agreement that Washington will substitute any oil lost, Prime Minister Menachem Begin disclosed Friday.

"We have a commitment given to us by the United States, that in case we should lose any source of supply of oil, the United States will give us that supply instead for five years," Begin said.

"This commitment stands, as I heard, from the first source personally," Begin told Israeli newspaper editors.

Foreign publications say Iran supplies 60 per cent of Israel's oil, or about 350,000 barrels a day. The exact figure is considered a state secret and Israeli officials are forbidden from discussing it.

The halt in Iranian oil production has aroused concern here, since Israel also plans to relinquish another major source of fuel in the Sinai within the next year.

The "Middle East Economic Digest," of which she was editor-in-chief, announced that Mrs. Collard died in London Thursday.

She founded "MEED" after the 1956 Suez war.

Council

When the West's relations with the Arabs again came under strain, after the 1967 Middle East war, Mrs. Collard helped found the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding.

Two husbands
Mrs. Collard's first husband, who was killed in battle, was Michael Wallace, son of journalist and writer Edgar Wallace.

Later she was married to barrister Dudley Collard, noted for his advocacy on behalf of defendants in former British colonies.

Sale frees Israeli bank from U.S. market curbs

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 (AP)—First Pennsylvania Corporation, parent company of Philadelphia's First Pennsylvania Bank, will sell its 33 per cent ownership in First National Bank of Israel, First Pennsylvania said.

The bank said John Marsh, an insurance executive and investor who lives in Gainesville, Va., will buy the share in the Israeli bank for \$12 million.

John Bunting, First Pennsylvania chairman, said the Israeli bank would be freed by the sale from "competitive restrictions" on doing business in the United States.

Fibi, with deposits of \$700 million, is the smallest of four banks in Israel, and is the only one barred by the federal reserve from branching out in the U.S. because of "significant" ownership by a U.S. bank, according to Bunting.



TEHRAN PROTEST: Iranians demonstrating against the Shah at a recent rally in the capital. Two pictures of the Ayatollah Khomeini are attached to the banner (see story page one).

Puts police on alert

Sadat ponders new price rises

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Agencies)—President Anwar Sadat ordered police to tighten security and maintain order in the streets after announcing government proposals to raise the prices of some luxury and other goods.

In January 1977 at least 80 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured in riots when the government raised the prices of bread, rice and other basic commodities.

The new price increases will be debated by the ruling National Democratic Party Saturday and will then go to parliament for ratification.

The prices of gas and locally-made cigarettes were the first items to be singled out for the price rise, the newspaper "Al-

Ahram" reported Friday. "Al-Ahram" said the increase on gas and cigarettes — which took effect Friday — would be removed if the party decided against the proposals, and the government had imposed them to prevent sellers making "illegal profits."

Egypt's budget for 1979 is expected to be announced sometime next month. Sadat and his prime minister, Dr. Mustapha Khalil, put forward the government's ideas at a closed meeting of the party Thursday.

"Al-Ahram" said that Sadat and Dr. Khalil stressed that basic commodities would not be affected by the price rises, and that the party was being asked to study increases in the

price of soft drinks, imported cigarettes, diesel oil, color televisions and car licenses.

The Middle East News Agency (MENA) said the Interior Ministry is prepared to step up police campaigns to prevent noise and traffic confusion in Cairo's streets.

"The police will implement the law in protecting the people's security," the agency added.

Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail has issued orders to police to be firm in implementing the law.

Police forces will be redistributed in various districts of the city, reinforced by what MENA termed "secret police" in "crowded areas such as markets, cinemas and buses."

Beirut security under discussion

BEIRUT, Dec. 29 (UPI)—New Defense Minister Gen. Victor Khoury conferred Friday with Lebanese army and police commanders to discuss practical steps for restoring order to Beirut and outlying areas.

Adenis end visit to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Dec. 29 (R)—A delegation led by South Yemeni Defense Minister Ali Ahmad Nasser Antar left here Friday after a two-day visit, the Iraq News Agency reported. It quoted Lt. Col. Antar as saying he had discussed Arab developments and relations with Iraqi officials.

Begin meets Swaziland premier

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (AP)—Prime Minister Begin met for an hour Friday with Mafubu Dlamini, the prime minister of Swaziland. Swaziland is one of three African nations to maintain diplomatic ties with the Jewish state. Most states broke off relations after the October war.

Pakistan names Switzerland envoy

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 29 (AP)—Retired Air Chief Marshal Zulfikar Ali Khan has been appointed Pakistan's ambassador to Switzerland, it was announced. He will also be accredited to the Vatican.

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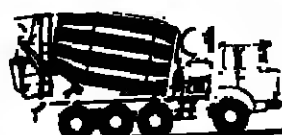
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From Huey Fong

Hong Kong may admit refugees

HONG KONG, Dec. 29 (AP) — About 2,700 Vietnamese packed on board the Huey Fong expect to be allowed in land in Hong Kong.

shortly, one of the refugees reported Friday. In a radio-telephone interview, Nguyen Wai Pon said the Hong Kong government is

reconsidering its decision not to permit them entry. Nguyen, who described himself as a representative of the refugees, said they had plac-

ed radio-telephone calls to relief organizations in the United States and had been promised that representations will be made to the government on their behalf, but he did not give the names of the organizations.

Nguyen, an ethnic Chinese, said there was enough food and milk on the vessel, and that they were very grateful to the Hong Kong government for the supplies. Nguyen confirmed that four refugees had jumped overboard last Tuesday in an attempt to reach the outlying island of Po Toi, about two kilometers from the freighter.

More than 15,000 pounds of provisions were flown to the Huey Fong Friday by Royal Air Force helicopters, the government said.

The freighter, anchored 1.5 kilometers off Hong Kong, was denied permission to enter Hong Kong because its next port of call was not the colony but the Taiwanese southern city of Kaohsiung.

A flotilla of marine police launches and a Royal Naval vessel surrounded the ship in an apparent attempt to prevent refugees from jumping off the vessel and committing mass suicide.



POSTER: Peking passers-by read a wall poster, amid the convulsions that led Friday to a mass rally condemning previously revered heroes of the Cultural Revolution.

At Peking mass rally

Red Guard leaders criticized

PEKING, Dec. 29 (R) — Five Red Guard leaders of the 1960s, including the woman credited with writing the first big-character poster of the Cultural Revolution, have been criticized at a mass rally here, Radio Peking reported.

The radio said some 30,000 people crowded into the city's Capital Gymnasium two days

ago to listen to Mayor Lin Hsichia denouncing the five. He said they had sabotaged the Cultural Revolution and slandered veteran officials like Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and the late Premier Chou En-lai.

Other smaller meetings condemning them have been held around the city. The most prominent of the five was Nieh Yuan-tze, a former lecturer in philosophy at Peking University who later rose to high positions in the party and city. She is credited with having written the first big-character poster in 1966 and which was praised by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Another Red Guard leader under criticism was Kuai Ta-fu, a student extremist at Peking's Tsinghua University who headed opposition to party work teams sent to the university in mid-1966.

Struggles between him and other factions later degenerated into pitched battles. The other three were identified as Han Ai-ching, Tan Hou-lan and Wang Ta-pin.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) announced Nov. 16 that the five had been arrested and faced trial — although the radio report did not mention a trial.

NCNA said "city-wide meetings will be held to criticize five notorious counter-revolutionaries, who committed serious crimes during the Cultural Revolution and have failed to repent and correct themselves throughout long years of education."

The agency said Nieh and the other four "have been arrested and brought to justice under the law for criminal, counter-revolutionary assaults against the party and disruption of the army, for criminal violence against innocent people, smashing public property, looting and seriously damaging the socialist legal system."

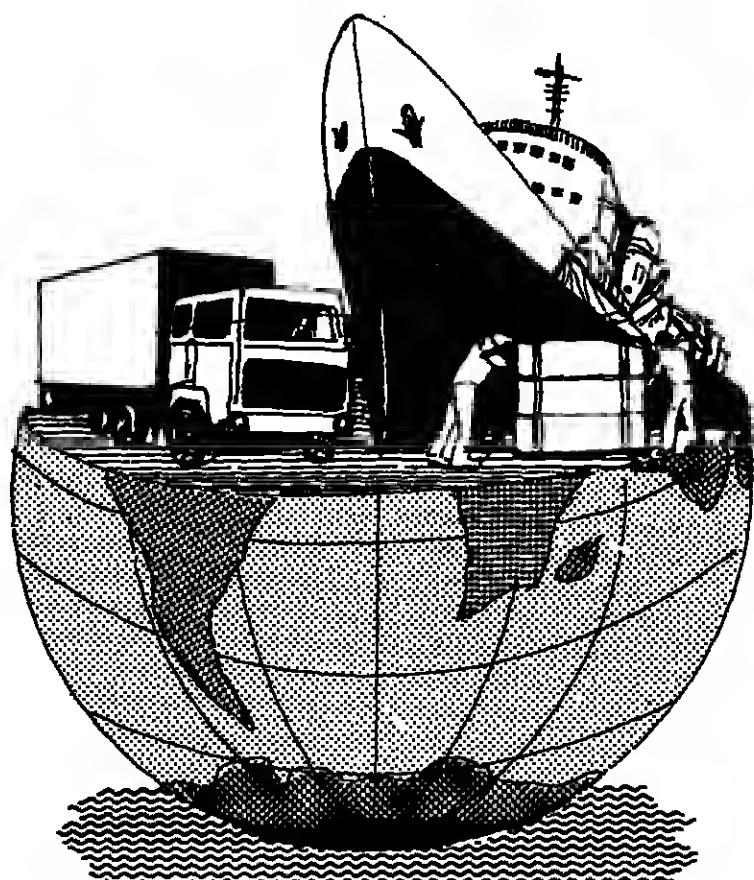
After years of neglect

Love blooms under Hua

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP) — China is bringing back love and will wage nationwide campaign against arranged marriages, the official Hsinhua news agency said Friday.

China's marriage law gives young people "the right to choose their life partners with love and respect, as the basis and have a new kind of family

with husbands and wives as equals," Hsinhua said. It said morals were twisted by the policies of the "Gang of Four," and arranged marriages, bride prices and "feudal or even superstitious ceremonies" had come back. "Families were weighed down with unnecessary economic and mental burdens," the agency said.

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Midnight blaze kills 10
in British mental hostel

CLACTON-ON-SEA, England, Dec. 29 (UPI) — Fire swept through a 15-room lodging house used by discharged psychiatric patients before dawn Friday and fire officials said 10 persons died.

Two men and two women escaped. The men and one woman suffered minor burns and the fourth, an elderly woman, was reported burned on the face and chest. Colchester hospital said she was in fair condition.

The dead included the home's owner and her two young children, said Essex social services.

Police withheld the identities of the victims until next of kin were informed. Social ser-

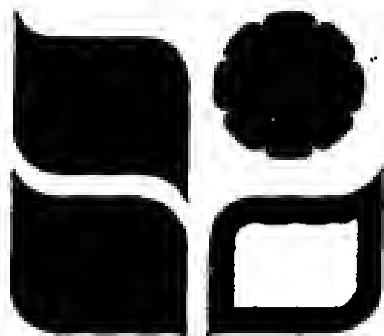
vices officials said they were mostly aged about 60.

Fire officials said the fire broke out before 2 a.m. on the ground floor of the three-storey building, enveloped the wooden staircase and trapped the sleeping residents on the upper floors.

It was so fierce that the roof was caving in by the time the first of 50 firemen arrived, neighbors said. It took several hours to contain the flames.

Essex Social Services Director Maurice Hawker said the house was one of several privately-owned lodging houses the county used as "halfway houses" for former psychiatric patients on discharge from hospital.

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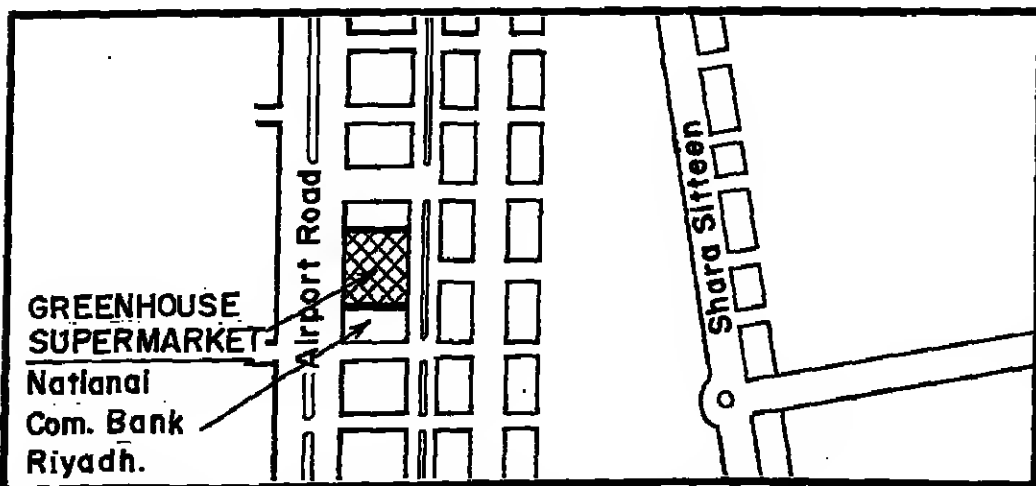
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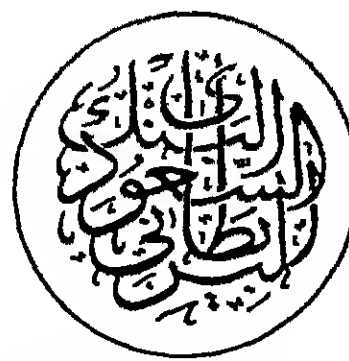


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Harassed U.S. delegates depart 'outraged' Taiwan

TAIPEI, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — American efforts to reach a new agreement on relations with Taiwan after official recognition of Peking Jan. 1 failed Friday and the U.S. negotiators left for home Friday.

An afternoon meeting at the request of President Chiang Ching-kuo apparently produced no results and a special plane carrying the American team took off for Washington at about 0730 GMT.

Government spokesman Dr. Soong Chu-yup said "President Chiang told Mr. (Deputy Secretary of State Warren) Christopher that the government and people of the Republic of China were outraged by President Carter's decision to sever diplomatic relations with a nation which has always been a staunch ally of the United States."

The president informed Mr. Soong.

After five crashes

F-15 pilots told to cut speed

RAMSTEIN, West Germany, Dec. 29 (R) — The U.S. Air Force, worried by five crashes in eight months involving the F-15 Eagle, its latest and fastest fighter plane, Friday ordered it to be flown at reduced speed while maintenance checks are carried out.

An official statement said the ground maintenance of the F-15 is to be checked, and the \$15 million aircraft would mean while only be allowed to fly at reduced speed.

Two of the crashes have occurred within 10 days, the latest Thursday. The air force has lost a total of nine of the jet fighters.

The statement from Air Force Headquarters said Commander in Chief Gen. W. Paully has ordered a review of the 36th tactical fighter wing maintenance procedures.

While the review is going on most F-15 planes, which can fly at more than twice the speed of sound, will be held



President Chiang Ching-kuo Christopher that future ties between the Republic of China and the United States must rest on five underlying principles. These principles are reality, continuity, security, legality and governmentality," said Soong, director of the government information office, at a news conference held after the much-harassed U.S. delegation hurriedly left Taiwan.

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The delegates were driven to the airport from the heavily guarded Grand Hotel by a back road that bypasses the front gate and were taken straight to their Boeing 707 jet.

Informed sources said only the basis for the conduct of future business was discussed in the conference that lasted a total of five hours over two days.

Before his departure, Deputy Secretary of State Christopher issued a statement:

"My colleagues and I have had a useful and extensive exchange of views with President Chiang and the officials of this government on the future of our relationship."

Taipei streets were quiet for the first time in three days.



President Jimmy Carter

Carter trims record budget

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — President Carter has trimmed proposed spending increases on civil defense next year in a final tightening of the record \$123 billion defense budget he will send Congress next month, administration sources have said.

Carter was said to have approved \$110 million for civil defense in fiscal 1980, an increase of about \$13 million over the current year.

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown had proposed boosting civil defense spending to about \$140.7 million to accelerate planning for evacuation of potential target cities and relocation of their populations into less vulnerable areas in event of a threatened Soviet missile attack.

President Carter was also said to have money to start the development of three new nuclear missiles next year.

They are a new MX mobile, land-based intercontinental missile, a Trident II submarine-launched weapon and a new Pershing II intermediate range missile for use in Europe, the administration sources said.

down to cruising speed.

Modifications to the engine starter system are to be speeded up, the statement said.

A spokesman for the command said maintenance experts are coming over from the U.S. but he said there was no single

cause for the accidents nor any discernible trend.

In the five Eagle mishaps since April one pilot has died. In Thursday's crash the pilot bled by parachute uninjured.

'The Queen of Welfare' gets eight-year sentence

COMPTON, California, Dec. 29 (R) — Barbara Williams, a 33-year-old mother known as "The Queen of Welfare," has been sentenced to eight years after being found guilty of collecting almost a quarter of a million dollars in what the prosecutor called the biggest welfare fraud in U.S. history.

Mrs. Williams now jailed pending appeal drove to the court in a silver-Grey Cadillac

from her \$170,000 home each day during her trial.

She was found guilty on 10 counts of welfare fraud involving \$239,500, and also on 12 counts of perjury.

Mrs. Williams was alleged to have used eight false names to collect welfare aid for 70 non-existent children during the past seven years.

Suspect in mental ward Mass grave in Chicago yields 6 more

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (R) — The death toll of young male victims of a suspected murderer has risen to 21 after six more bodies were uncovered.

When arrested last week building contractor John Gacy, 36, confessed he had assaulted and strangled 32 youths and had buried 26 of them under his neat yellow brick home in suburban Chicago, police said.

Ashen-faced police, sickened by the stench from decomposed bodies and the horror of the mass gravesite under Gacy's house, dug up six more bodies Wednesday, the fifth day of the search.

The police have been working with a crude map drawn up by Gacy marking the places where bodies are buried.

Prison authorities also denied

a report that Gacy, twice divorced and once jailed, tried to commit suicide in his isolation cell at the Cook County Jail Hospital.

The "Chicago Sun-Times" has reported that Gacy crawled under a bed in his cell last Saturday, wrapped a towel around his neck and tried to strangle himself.

Jail authorities at first declined to comment on the report, but later the Cook County Department of Corrections Director Phillip Hardiman said, Gacy was merely "acting out."

Hardiman conceded that Gacy did roll under the bed and had a towel around his neck but insisted it was not possible for Gacy to kill himself in his cell.

After the incident, Gacy was moved to the psychiatric section of the hospital and tied to a bed with leather straps, Hardiman added.

Other jail officials said Gacy had been reporting a series of ailments, apparently in an attempt to be kept in prison hospital rather than be moved to a cell block.

The largest mass murder in the United States to date is attributed to migrant labor contractor Juan Corona, who was convicted of hacking 25 workers to death, then burying them in peach orchards near Yuba City, California, in 1971.

Amin offers amnesty to exiles

NAIROBI, Dec. 29 (R) — Uganda President Idi Amin has cabled the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity telling them he has offered an amnesty to Ugandans who fled the country since he came to power in 1971.

Hopes of Yugoslav-Soviet summit rise

BELGRADE, Dec. 29 (R) — Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec has conferred with Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Rodionov in the second meeting between senior Yugoslav and Soviet officials in five days. The meeting, requested by Rodionov, revived speculation about a possible Yugoslav-Soviet summit in the near future.

16 apartheid foes face political ban

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 29 (UPI) — The government banned 16 persons from attending political and social gatherings Friday in a major crackdown against opponents to apartheid. The banings included several student leaders among them was one white — Laura Jean Leyetson, vice president of the National Union of South African Students.

Blast damages Cuban mission at U.N.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — Explosives damaged the Cuban mission to the United Nations and shattered the glass facade at the Lincoln Center Complex early Friday, police said. A man telephoned the Associated Press to claim responsibility for Omega Seven, an anti-Castro group. The caller said another bomb would be set off at Lincoln Center Friday night.

Spanish air controllers strike

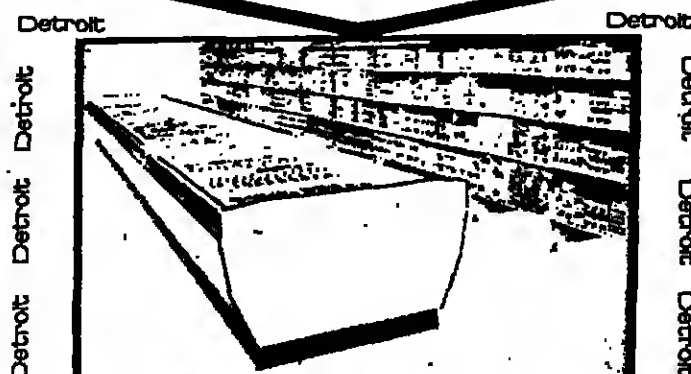
MADRID, Dec. 29 (AP) — Spanish air controllers seeking higher wages Friday began their third indefinite work-to-rule strike this year. Airport sources predict that 40 per cent of usual incoming and outgoing flights nationwide could be affected by late afternoon.

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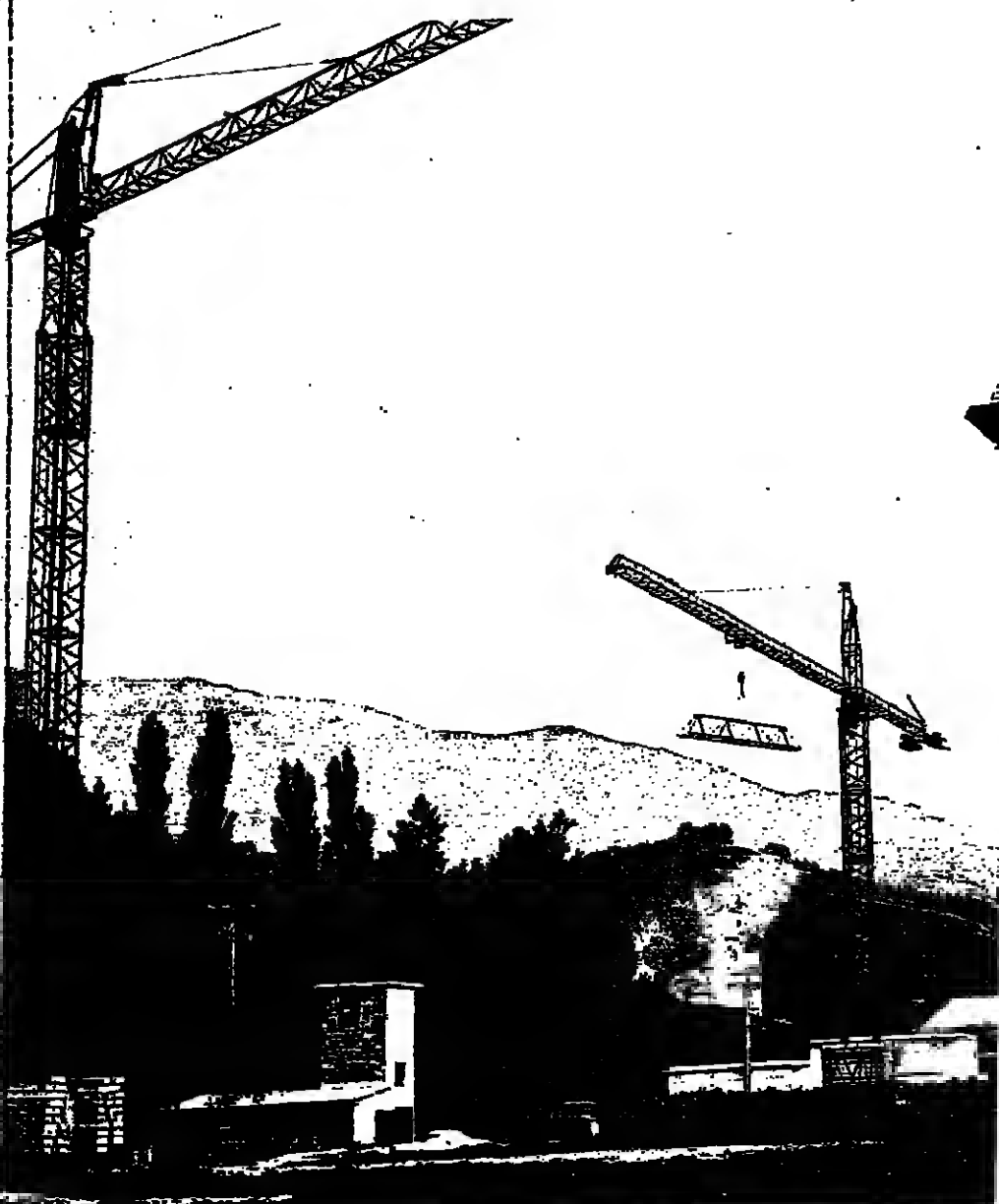
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DUBIOUS CAMPAIGN

There is a concerted campaign underway in the United States to discredit the American-Saudi relationship and drive a wedge of suspicion between the leaderships and peoples of the two countries. The campaign, a move of desperation by the beleaguered Zionist lobby, began earlier this year in the context of the Congressional debate over the sale of F-15 jet aircraft to Saudi Arabia. The anti-Saudi assault, conducted through the media and by personal lobbying efforts in official Washington, was temporarily shelved after the Carter administration won the hotly contested F-15 battle and launched the Camp David initiative. At that time the American Jewish community, itself divided over the personality and policies of Israeli Prime Minister Begin, adopted a wait-and-see attitude toward the Camp David summit and the subsequent Egyptian-Israeli talks at Blair House. Zionist leaders in the United States held out the vain hope that President Carter could — and would — pressure Egypt into accepting a separate peace with Israel, and secure Saudi support for this effort to fragment the Arab world and reach a partial Middle East settlement on terms acceptable to the Jewish state.

As we have seen, however, neither Egypt nor the United States was willing to abandon the goal of a comprehensive peace — for the simple reason that a partial settlement would prove unworkable and would inevitably lead to a destabilization of the Middle East which would threaten American and other Western interests in the region. Nor was Saudi Arabia willing to acquiesce in a strategy that would produce grave and perhaps irreparable divisions in the Arab world.

Thus, with the Camp David initiative on the verge of collapse, pro-Israeli interests in America have decided to resurrect the media campaign against Saudi Arabia, in a last-ditch effort to neutralize official U.S. anger over Israel's stalling tactics and counter the growing popularity of the Arabs within the administration and in Congress. America's new-found sympathy for moderate Arab aspirations — including the need for a solution to the Palestinian question — is largely the outgrowth of the close contacts resulting from the mutually beneficial economic relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia. In addition, America and the Arabs have been brought closer together by political and strategic considerations — notably the Soviet Union's undisguised attempts to encircle the Gulf region. The Israeli lobby in the U.S. wants to help the Jewish state recapture its former position as the guarantor of American interests in the Middle East. To do that, Saudi Arabia must be discredited. The Zionists also are seeking to eliminate the Kingdom as a factor in the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks. In their view, Egypt must be cut off from the Arab world, and be made dependent on the economic largesse of Western rather than Arab benefactors.

The anti-Saudi campaign in the United States has taken many forms. In the print and electronic media, the Saudis are being portrayed as the spearhead of an Arab effort to buy up America — its farmland, its corporations, its hotels and apartment houses. It matters little that Saudi and/or Arab investment in the U.S. is minuscule compared to purchases by European and Japanese investors. What is important, in terms of media hype, is that "oil sheikhs" in traditional robes are a colorful symbol of the old myths and stereotypes Americans still harbor of the Arab world. The fantasy of an impending Saudi/Arab takeover of America is being pushed relentlessly by the American Jewish Committee, which now publishes a monthly newsletter called "Petro-Impact," a chronicle of alleged Arab efforts to purchase the United States' stock and bonds.

The latest barrage in the anti-Saudi campaign centers on the OPEC oil price increase announced in Abu Dhabi earlier this month. Pro-Israeli columnists and commentators have been telling the American people that the Kingdom is solely responsible for the price hike, that in fact OPEC is a puppet of Saudi Arabia and that oil price increases are undertaken for political rather than economic reasons. Syndicated columnist Joseph Kraft is one of the leading proponents of this theory. In recent columns he has totally misrepresented the Kingdom's role in the Carter peace efforts, the Baghdad summit and the OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi — at one moment describing Saudi Arabia as weak and vulnerable and the next moment calling the Kingdom the predominant force in Middle East oil and politics.

The Zionist lobby has also tried to make ludicrous comparisons of Iran and Saudi Arabia, warning the administration in this context that the only country America can rely on in the Middle East is Israel.

In short, the pro-Israeli forces in the United States are now using their big guns in an effort to undermine the U.S.-Saudi relationship. There are even efforts underway to persuade the Americans that Mexico — with its apparently vast untapped oil reserves — can eventually replace Saudi Arabia as the United States' prime economic partner. (This argument of course implies that Mexico would be willing to sacrifice its own national interests to provide the United States with cheaper oil — a dubious proposition at best.) There may be little that the Kingdom can do overtly to counter the Zionist media campaign against it. We can hope that the pro-Israeli media maneuvers will run their course, and perhaps produce a backlash among thoughtful Americans. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia should continue to pursue the policies it has advocated over the years. In the long run, these policies should prove more persuasive to Americans than the shabby media campaign now being waged by the Zionist lobby.



Tough going in Guatemala

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy
 GUATEMALA CITY —
 "The New York Times, you know, is run by Communists and you people in Europe are all sliding towards Communism." The speaker was a young Guatemalan industrialist and the setting was a smart party in the penthouse of the Chamber of Industry in Guatemala City.

Such extreme right-wing notions are common among the Guatemalan middle class and they are being frequently voiced today as conservatives feel increasingly threatened by the turmoil surrounding the ultra-conservative General Anastasio Somoza, President of neighboring Nicaragua.

As Nicaragua boils, the violence that has characterized Guatemalan politics for decades, if not generations, shows signs of increasing. All sides are beginning to feel that Central America is becoming one hotbed of political struggle. Terrorist groups of the Left and the Right have become increasingly active in the past few months.

The tortured social history of Guatemala provides the backdrop to the present blood-letting. For many years a playground of military dictators, Guatemala moved towards reformist government in 1945 and 1951 when successive presidents were elected who tried to better the feudal conditions in which most of the country's Indian and mixed-race peasants worked in the countryside and to improve the lot of organized workers in cities.

This reformist period was ended by military coup in 1954 and since then the army has

not allowed any politician to modernize or improve the social set-up.

As a result democracy has withered. While in 1945 more than 95 per cent of the electorate cast their vote, in this year's presidential elections only 36.5 per cent bothered to cast a ballot.

And the soldier who became president on July 1, General Romeo Lucas, turned out to have the support of no more than 8.3 per cent of all Guatemalans over 18.

Running parallel to this disenchantment with the political system there has been a sharp growth in violence. A recent study of violence in Guatemala published by the Jose Simeon Canas University in San Salvador shows that over the decade to 1976, 538 murders were reported by the newspapers as having taken place in the department which contains the capital city.

In addition, there were 251 attempted murders, 853 kidnappings, 440 corpses found, 460 terrorist attacks and 141 shootings. Other departments showed similar murder figures. Zacapa 116, Escuintla 139, San Marcos 174, and Chiquimula 118. All this in a country whose population barely tops six million.

This year the violence has polarized around two groups. The rightwing violence is centered on the Ejercito Secreto Anticomunista or Secret Anti-Communist Army, which some say is just the Guatemalan army in thin disguise, but which may also contain members of the MLN or National Liberation Movement, an extreme political organization.

The writer said: "While most television programs are excellent and relatively unobjectionable from a religious point of view, certain programs are plainly contrary to the spirit and intent of Islam."

"If we are not careful we might find ourselves sliding down a hill of depravity and moral turpitude," he said.

The writer said good programs can be produced without recourse to dancing, petty songs and suggestive costumes.

The writer said he had full confidence in the sound judgement of the information minister and that "he would do his best to see that our information and entertainment media can achieve their objectives without immoral overtones as is the case elsewhere."

"Al-Bilad" was optimistic over current Arab moves to restore understanding and so

This group is responsible for publishing death lists and sending death threats to trade unionists, and others it considers its enemies. A recent death threat sent to a peasant leader which I was shown here says, "We have above all to eliminate those who instigate the disturbance of that social peace which every Guatemalan desires."

According to diplomatic sources, it was the Secret Anti-Communist Army and the MLN which sent armed Guatemalans to fight on the side of General Anastasio Somoza during the recent insurrection and whose presence was detected and reported by anti-Somoza forces in northern Nicaragua.

There has also been violence on the Left. The EGP, or the Guerrilla Army of the Poor, has claimed victims among supporters of Somoza and has attacked a chain of fried chicken bars believed to be part-owned by Somoza. The attacks on the bars caused so much loss of trade that the company had to publish advertisements in the press denying that they had anything to do with the Nicaraguan leader.

The worst killing this year, however, occurred when the army on May 29 opened fire on a demonstration by Kekchi Indians in the town of Panzós, killing more than 100 people.

The Panzós affair, which protests in many parts of the Western hemisphere, provoked a good deal of adverse publicity for the army and the government has blamed the incident on the Kekchi leaders.

— (OFNS).

Moscow and the China deal

By Dev Murawski
 MOSCOW —

President Leonid Brezhnev's expression of positive approval of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States has three important aims.

First, he wanted to show that Moscow has no intention of making the agreement an issue in the already complicated and prolonged Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) or in an eventual summit between the leaders of the two super-powers.

Second, the action was aimed at depriving the hawkish advisers of President Carter and the U.S. anti-Soviet lobby of the chance to use the danger of Soviet objections to the new relationship between Washington and Peking, which merely regularizes a reality which has been in existence since the visit to China President Nixon seven years ago.

Lastly, it was also aimed at impressing upon everyone that Moscow has always favored diplomatic relations between China and the United States and is not going to change its view simply because it is inconveniently timed from the Soviet viewpoint. As such it is a skilful diplomatic gambit.

Nevertheless, the Soviet view of the matter is not quite so simple. Indeed, Jan. 1, 1979, the date when formal diplomatic relations between Washington and Peking will be opened, will be marked in the Soviet political calendar as the day when the post-cold war re-encirclement of the Soviet Union began formally.

This feeling of a new encirclement is also responsible for the paradoxical situation in which Moscow feels more insecure, though more powerful, than at any time since the end of the cold war in the mid-fifties, or at any rate since the Cuban missile crisis of 1962.

In itself, the American decision is merely a recognition that for nearly three decades it has been extremely foolish in refusing to recognize a reality. But to the Russians this admis-

sion by Washington of a self-evident fact is spoiled by the motivating factor, the beginning of a new policy.

To Soviet analysts it appears that the most powerful factor forcing the United States to recognize the Chinese reality is not the reality itself, but the uses to which it can be put.

In other words, Washington can utilize the Chinese antagonism towards Moscow to the fullest extent, though without of course compromising the special super-power relationship. The U.S. can also use China to control the lesser nations of South and Southeast Asia.

This is an interesting analysis because by implication it suggests that at a deeper level the Sino-American axis is not aggressive. At best, its anti-Soviet component is highly defensive, since both Peking and Washington understand perfectly well that the Soviet Union, if it comes to a crunch, can look after its security and defenses.

But, say the analysts, the main thrust of the Sino-American rapprochement, already shaping up as a Tokyo-Peking-Washington axis, will be felt by China's smaller neighbors, against whom Peking can use its Western-supplied military might with greater effect. It is Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, not to speak of Vietnam, which will feel the weight of China, underwritten by the West and Japan.

India too will have greater cause to worry, since Peking's hostility towards India is exceeded only by that of Washington, though the American hostility towards New Delhi is veiled and shows through only during crisis periods.

In other words, till the end of the sixties Washington sought to control Southeast Asia through fear of China. Now, it will try to control it with a shared hegemony with Peking.

But this in no way reduces the necessity for Moscow to keep up its guard against China and there is suspicion here

that this is also one of the aims of Washington's policy, force Moscow to maintain a high level of expenditure on military presence in the East.

Certainly, Western support for China will do little to drive either Moscow or Peking in the near future to this about normalization of the relations. Eventually, it may come about when the Chinese realize the high cost of maintaining a constantly intense level of hostility towards Moscow, but that would be a thanks to Washington, Moscow while what is felt in Moscow are the immediate pressures of encirclement, whether or not new SALT agreements is reached.

It is the perception of the danger which appears to be pushing Soviet policy-makers towards somewhat contradictory directions. On the one hand, more the over Soviet leaders are anxious and willing to conclude agreements with the West, particularly the United States, on limiting arms, banning nuclear weapons and reducing troops and other armaments in Europe. They are almost frantic with anxiety on this score and willing to make rather unwelcome substantial concessions in order to stabilize the arms competition with the West.

At the same time, they are increasingly apprehensive of the rising tide of hostility towards them and their country in the West and the new encirclement which it is promoting. This urges them to strengthen their defensive posture and make attempts to break through this encirclement.

It is no coincidence, perhaps, that the record number of friendship treaties signed during the last couple of months in Moscow are primarily aimed at reducing Western, or in the case of Vietnam Chinese, predominance in Asia and Africa.

For the moment Moscow is not too worried about Europe, though it remains the priority area for the Soviet Union (OFNS)

Soviet intelligence in U.S.

By Robert Toth and
 Ronald Ostrow

WASHINGTON —

Not long ago, a Soviet citizen arrived in the United States, ostensibly as a member of a cultural exchange group. Everything went well until one day, ignoring U.S. visa restrictions, he slipped away from the group to visit a distant U.S. city.

There, in an attempt to pick up important information, he contacted an American whom Soviet intelligence had recruited earlier. How successful he was is known only by the FBI and Moscow.

Another Soviet exchange delegate, this one from a commercial group, made an unscheduled visit to a Soviet exchange student at a large U.S. university. There he arranged to copy restricted information obtained by the student and to smuggle it back to Moscow.

The two incidents were recounted recently by James Adams, associate director of the FBI, who declined on security grounds to give further details. He cited the incidents to illustrate the reasons for growing concern in the U.S. government over heightened intelligence activities by Soviet members of exchange groups, ranging from sports teams to science delegations.

The Senate Intelligence Committee said in a 1976 report that a fourth of the Soviet students who have come to the United States in a 10-year period — about 400 persons in all — were found by the FBI to be intelligence officers.

"Soviet efforts have intensified in recent years, both in number of agents and in their aggressiveness," Adams, the FBI's no. 2 man, said in interview.

W. Raymond Wannall, retired FBI counter-intelligence chief, said that the Soviet intelligence effort is greater than at any time since World War II.

About 4,000 cultural, student, science and other Soviet exchanges and 1,000 commercial delegates, enter the United States annually. Among them, "substantially more" than 100 are identified as professional intelligence officers, probably on secret assignments, informed sources said.

Many, if not most, of the rest are believed to have overt intelligence-gathering orders, which are not illegal activities per se, but which distort the spirit of the agreements under which the Soviets came, according to a half-dozen knowledgeable officials and former officials.

Moreover, about 1,000 Soviet officials are on permanent assignment in the United States, carrying diplomatic passports. The FBI has estimated that more than 40 per cent of these are KGB or military intelligence agents. Defectors have put this proportion as high as 80 percent.

Another group that causes concern is 20,000 to 25,000 Soviet sailors who visit American deep-water ports that have been open to Moscow since 1972. This has given the Russians virtually complete geographic access to the United States, according to the Senate Intelligence Committee.

When Soviet Bloc countries are added in, FBI director William Webster has said, the total number of "contacts or presences" is about 50,000 a year.

"We know that a large number, more than we have agents to keep track of, are engaged in or have engaged in intelligence operations, or intelligence-gathering purposes or have been co-opted or asked to assist intelligence officers in gathering specific types of

information," Webster said. The Soviets are particularly interested in U.S. advanced technology — microelectronics, lasers, computers, nuclear energy and aerospace industries. The oil and gas-drilling industry has been another important target.

Emphasis on technology has long been apparent among Soviet students sent to the United States, as well as in commercial delegations.

"Their students tend to be in the 30's, with advanced degrees (physics and electrical engineering are most popular)," a State Department official said. "Our students tend to be in their 20's and study icons, to put it most critically."

In defense of these significantly different student profiles, however, he noted that the United States probably could not find 40 or 50 science students willing to spend months or a year in a Soviet university. The quality of Soviet science, with few exceptions, generally is agreed to be poorer than that of the United States.

Moreover, the official said, although the Soviets primarily are interested in U.S. technology, the United States wants to get new ideas into the Soviet Union. Humanity students are better able to argue the broader issues of economics, politics and literature than are scientists and engineers, whose education is narrower, he said.

The Soviet effort to collect information in the U.S. obviously has been coordinated at times.

A few years ago, a U.S. official said, "there was almost an explosion of Soviet professor coming to American labs. Soviet students in U.S. universities, and commercial delegations visiting U.S. companies all interested in one special: — lasers."

Webster has listed "foreign counter-intelligence activities as the FBI's primary concern ahead of white-collar crime and organized crime."

Webster wants industry to report to the FBI any "approaches or recruiting efforts, things of that kind, that permit us to be more effective." Such action, he said, is one way to prevent "our open policy on visas and student exchanges" from being exploited in a way that harms national security. — (LAT)

saudi press review

"Al-Medina" eulogized the late Algerian leader Houari Boumedienne and said that he had been a good friend of Saudi Arabia particularly after the trauma of the 1967 war.

"In turn, this country was also a good friend of the Algerian people in their struggle for liberation from French colonialism."

"We regarded Boumedienne as a great leader in the liberation movement and a good servant of Arab causes," the paper said.

The paper then called on the leaders of the Arab Maghreb-North Africa — to exercise prudence in solving their outstanding problems "which are being exploited by outsiders, so that peace and tranquility may again reign in that part of the Arab world."

A religious commentator in "Al-Medina" urged the information minister to be more selective as regards programs intended for Saudi television.

The writer said: "While most television programs are excellent and relatively unobjectionable from a religious point of view, certain programs are plainly contrary to the spirit and intent of Islam."

"If we are not careful we might find ourselves sliding down a hill of depravity and moral turpitude," he said.

The writer said good programs can be produced without recourse to dancing, petty songs and suggestive costumes.

The writer said he had full confidence in the sound judgement of the information minister and that "he would do his best to see that our information and entertainment media can achieve their objectives without immoral overtones as is the case elsewhere."

"Al-Bilad" was optimistic over current Arab moves to restore understanding and so

solidarity "following a period which threatened to break up Arab unity."

"This augurs well for the future because these attempts at reconciliation come at a time of deadlock when the Camp David formula for a peaceful settlement in the region appears to have gone wrong."

"Arab unity should serve notice to Israel and check its ever-increasing intransigence as well as restore to the Arabs their ability to exercise effective influence on the state of affairs in the region."

In another comment "Al-Bilad" said that Saudis abroad "behave extremely well and one can hardly distinguish between Saudis and non-Saudis in foreign cities. They respect traffic regulations, queue up politely waiting their turns and drive carefully. But they seem to forget such rules when they

return and blame others for breaking regulations," the writer said.

Commenting on the current session of the Lebanese parliament, "Oklaz" said "important resolutions were taken regarding the elimination of armed militia and the restoration of the power of the armed forces with the assistance of the Arab Deterrent Force."

The paper blamed most of the chaos and tragedy in the country on direct Israeli interference "which is preventing a return to normalcy through the strict implementation of U.N. Resolution 425 banning Israel from intervention in Lebanese affairs. While the situation is particularly a Lebanese responsibility, it is also an Arab cause. Moreover, unless the U.N. ensure Israeli adherence to its resolution, the door will always remain open for Israeli depredations in the country."

King Abdul Aziz University Media Center

The Instructional Media Center of King Abdul Aziz University was established in 1973. The center started because of a shortage of women professors and teachers to lecture in the Girls College at the University.

The KAAU center is responsible for transmitting lectures to the Girls College using closed circuit television and intercom.

"The Media Department started in one room in the Science College and a few wooden rooms on campus," said Muhammad Rida Amio, director of the Media Department and lecturer in the faculty of Business Administration.

"The media center is considered an independent department."



Director of Media Department Muhammad Rida Amio

ment for all faculties and departments of the university."

Amin was a member of the first graduating class at KAAU in 1971. He was assigned as an assistant teacher in the Faculty of Business Administration. In 1972 he was appointed assistant director to Shihab Jamjoom, the director, of the Media Department.

Amin's interest in media started when he was an undergraduate student. He was the president of student affairs as well as a director and actor in the university's theater activities.

In 1973, Amio went on scholarship to the U.S. to study at Michigan University for his M.B.A., which he received in 1976. He then started work on his Ph.D. but upon the request of the University

he returned to direct the Media Department as Jamjoom was leaving to prepare for his Ph.D. in media studies.

"The media department had to struggle for its development. Its budget is high because of the modern communications systems needed to meet the needs of a growing university," said Amin. "The activities of the Media department naturally have to continually expand in order to service all the faculties and departments of the university."

The present staff of the media department have had special training in their areas of specialization.

Abdullah Al-Ghazzi, the assistant director of the media center is a graduate of KAAU and has completed a nine-month course in T.V. production with the BBC in England. Amin completed a similar three-month TV production course.

The media department provides all facilities and departments of the university with educational services, and also supplies the teaching staff with various aids and equipment needed for audio-visual demonstrations.

The production operations of the media department transmit lectures by video tape to the Girls College, recording educational, religious and cultural programs.

The department also provides lectures on Video and sound tapes for instant viewing and listening by students. The department also produces cultural and educational films as well as educational photographs, illustrations, three dimensional models, set design and calligraphy in addition to the maintenance and repair of various equipment of the department.

The cinema section of the department has made over 10 films including documentaries on Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, KAAU, science and Abha. In 1976 the media department cinema section filmed The International Islamic Economic Conference held in Mecca and the following year filmed a similar conference in London. The film is entitled "The Last Message". The department has one color TV studio and one black and white studio. The department provides all conferences held at the KAAU Theatre with video recordings and tape duplication facilities.

"The lecture theatre is now equipped for listening, translation and recording systems," said Amin.

Last year the important Solar Energy Conference was held in the KAAU theatre. The department also hosted a special exhibition entitled "The Modern Education Media", which showed samples of the media department's educational facilities and equipment.

The media department is hoping that the activities will be extended in the near future after the establishment of KAAU branches throughout the Kingdom. Such expansion will require larger production facilities like special laboratories, film processing and three dimensional model making equipment.

"We are now planning Project Universities of Saudi Arabia with the production studio on KAAU campus to serve all universities in the Kingdom and the Saudi society," said Amin.

"The problem right now is; we cannot transmit our programs". The department is working on a microwave link with the television station in Jeddah. When the Project is complete, the current University Without Walls can be expanded through Educational Television. This educational program can be transmitted to the student from the main station, or through the educational learning centres established throughout the Kingdom.



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Currently a student enrolled in the University Without Walls program has to spend one month residence on the KAAU campus. This creates problems related to housing, adjustment to different environment, for the visiting students.

With the proposed plan "the students will be able to be educated in their particular environment and once they receive their degrees, they will more readily want to work in the areas where they are more familiar with customs and traditions", said Amin.

"The media department is deeply involved in developing and increasing the standard of education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", he said.

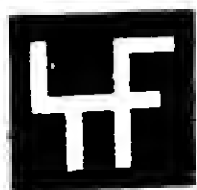
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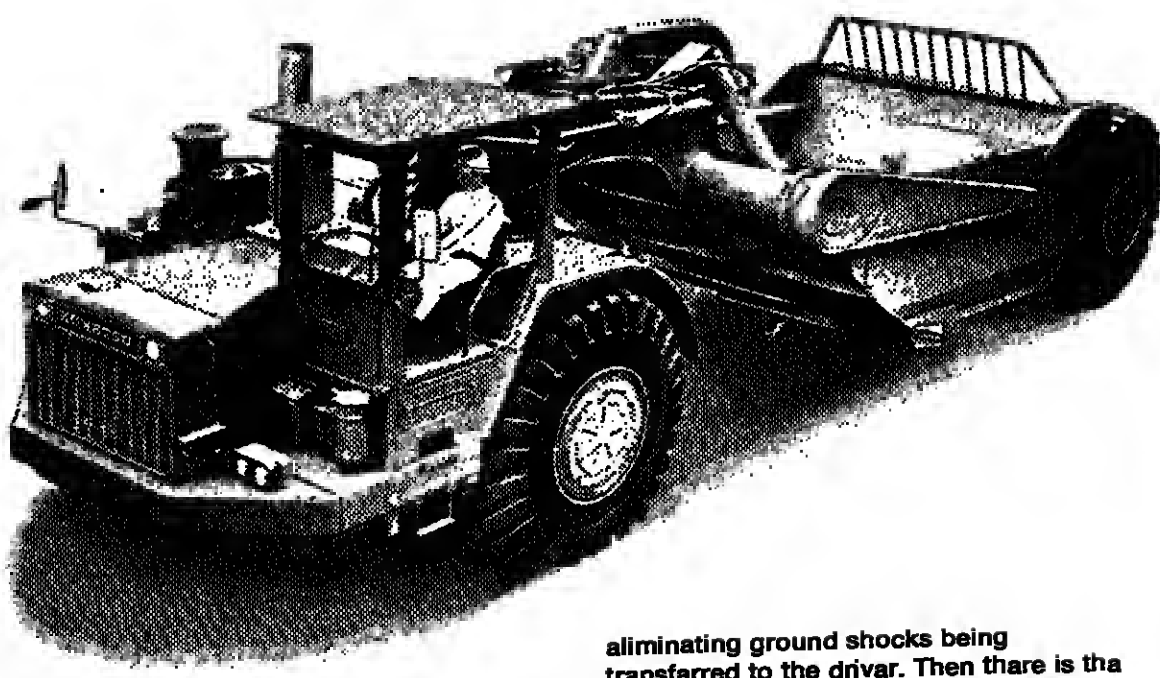
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Sami Esmail: 'An example to the Arab Americans'

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sami Esmail, a Brooklyn-born Palestinian American, recently returned to the United States after serving nine months in an Israeli prison on charges of belonging to a Palestinian commando group.

Esmail, 24, a graduate student in electrical engineering at Michigan State University, was arrested on Dec. 21, 1977 at Tel Aviv airport enroute to the West Bank to visit his dying father.

He was immediately jailed and interrogated. He was accused of being a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and having undergone military training in Libya.

Esmail was convicted of membership in the PFLP on June 6, 1978. The latter charge of military training was dropped. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison, and was released recently after having served nine months of his term—thanks in part to the appeals of a number of prominent Americans on his behalf.

During a visit to Washington, Esmail was interviewed by "Arab News" staff writer Fouzi El-Asmar and bureau chief Bob Lebling. Asmar, a Palestinian himself, spent 15 months in the same prison as Esmail in 1969-70 — held without charge under Israel's "administrative detention" laws.

Q — Could you tell us about the circumstances of your arrest?

A — I was called up by the family in Ramallah (in the West Bank). I was informed that my father was critically ill and that he wouldn't be living for long. He had requested that I come back and be by his bedside. For Arabs, this is something you can't say no to, and that was the sole purpose of my visit.

It happened during Christmas break of the school year (in 1977). I did inform the chairman of my department (at Michigan State) that I might be late for a week or two of classes. My trip was intended to be about three or four weeks at the maximum.

Q — What airport did you fly to?

A — I flew out of Lansing (Michigan) and I arrived at Tel Aviv airport. That's where I was immediately taken and interrogated.

When you get off a plane in Tel Aviv, they have people waiting at the airport who sort out all the Arabic-looking faces and Japanese and Germans. Surprisingly they didn't sort me out when I first got off the

plane. I think the first person who was sifting people out didn't realize I was an Arab, maybe because my skin is a little lighter.

But then later on a girl came out and took me from the other group and said, "You. Please come here." That made me feel they actually knew I was on that plane and arriving.

The Shin Beth — the secret police — arrived at the airport around 8 or 9 o'clock, and they interrogated me all the way till 12 at the airport. Then they handcuffed me and took me to Beit Hatikva.

Q — Were you tortured or beaten?

A — I have to make this clear from the beginning. I was tortured. And I would say that my torture was a combination of psychological and mental torture in addition to physical mistreatment.

Q — There have been people here who have denied that, like Freedman and Dershowitz. (Editor's Note: Monroe Freedman and Alan are law professors who attended Esmail's trial as "observers" and published their findings in an article in the "New York Times").

A — I read the Dershowitz-Freedman article. I can comment on that later, because there are very obvious errors. But to speak about my torture

— I was literally kidnapped off the airplane, I was not allowed to contact my family. In fact it was four or five days before the U.S. consul finally confirmed to my family that I was in prison. Even the airlines wouldn't tell them where I was, even though my family knew I had left New York.

Lod Airport said a person by the name of Sami never landed here. Even though it might have been only a few days that my family didn't know about me, for Palestinians living in Palestine things like this can go for hundreds of days, with families unable to find out what happened to their sons and daughters.

When the Shin Beth started questioning me, I told them... I told them about my Libya trip. I answered all the questions in full detail. And they said: "Uh-uh, we don't like this. Whether you like it or not, we're going to nail you, because we want to set an example to the American Arabs."

They wanted me to serve as an example to all those people in the United States who dare speak up against Zionism, and they said that sooner or later they would make me sign a statement saying I was a member of a Palestinian organization and was military-trained.

At that point I told them they could take me to court and try to prove such a thing, if they had any democracy. And the Shin Beth guy said: "Oh, there's no democracy here; it's only for foreign consumption. You left democracy on the airplane when you stepped off it."

After that, it was continuous interrogation. From Wednesday when I landed all the way till Tuesday, I had up to several different interrogators questioning me continuously. I was hardly left alone for more than two hours. At times they would leave me alone for a half-hour or an hour....

Also, I had declared a complete hunger strike. I did not eat or drink a thing until Tuesday. Then there was the physical mistreatment — like undressing you and dressing you, making you carry chairs for three to four hours at a stretch, being punched, being kicked, having your hair pulled, being slapped, spit at, insulted.... And even minor things, like the interrogator would start playing games with you, he would pinch hairs from your mustache or your chest. Physically these things don't hurt, but it's what they do to your mind. You start wondering, what the hell is this man doing, just pulling off hairs and laughing.

And then my father — they would pretend to call the hospital in Ramallah, and they would tell me: "Well, your father passed away. And it's your fault. He died the minute he found out you're in prison." And then they would say: "Well, he has a few more hours to live. Why don't you just sign a paper and go see him?" They use this as a psychological warfare thing.

Then they would have people threaten me, and give me lectures on how my 18 years of education were all a waste, and that they were going to destroy my education. They threatened to arrest my family and bring them to one by one. And they did, they brought in my brother Shukri on the sixth day. He had previously been arrested for seven days. He's about 45 years old and has very serious back problems. He's very apologetic, but they arrested him merely to set examples for Arab Americans.

The U.S. vice-consul, Mr. (Mark) Davidson, showed up the fifth day. I told him I was being mistreated and I wasn't being allowed to sleep at all. I needed help. I told him I was being set up for a frame-up by the Israelis and that I was completely innocent.

And his answer was: "I'm not interested in knowing whether you are innocent or guilty. This is not my problem. We cannot interfere in these matters. All I can do for you is to contact a lawyer."

Q — You saw other prisoners. Did you see any signs of torture there?

A — I talked to many prisoners and I heard many stories of torture. Many people were beaten on their genitals.

In Nabulus prison, I've heard numerous stories of a section in Nabulus prison called "Siberia", where it's really freezing and they undress people and put them in there for four or five hours. It's a very common thing.

I met people who underwent torture in Sarafand. They ac-

tually told me that I'd be sent to Sarafand pretty soon, but—

Q — It's a military camp. A — Right. But I have met people who were arrested in '67, '68, and their physical health was so bad, you know they just gave me horrible stories, complete horror stories....

Q — What about people you saw yourself?

A — I saw Muhammad Zahi Belaawi, a 19-year-old youth from Jenin accused of political agitation. He underwent 65 days of torture before he finally agreed to sign a statement. He suffered five broken ribs during his fifth day of interrogation, and he was put on pain relievers in order to continue the interrogation.

Later on he was sentenced to one year. I saw him at the end of ten months, and later at the end of eleven months of his imprisonment, and he still could not walk, he still could not stand up by himself, he could not go to the bathroom by himself, he needed people to help put him to bed, he could not take a shower, he was still badly injured, and they weren't even providing medical care for such a person.

If the Zionists had any kind of humanity, they would send him to a hospital. They would do that in any civilized society.

When this person was brought in on a stretcher to the court, when he was sentenced, if the judge had any decency at least he would have ordered an investigation into this matter.

I also met another administrative detainee who showed me a big cut on his face. He's



Sami Esmail

from Bethlehem. I think his name was Ibrahim Khair. This man, during interrogation — besides the various beating, kicking, punching, slapping and hairpulling — was held and had his face hit against the window of the door, and suffered a really sharp cut across his face which I saw evidence of about five or six months after the incident.

I met people who underwent very severe torture. You can look at their health. Many prisoners, when you see them, are very thin, very weak, have various diseases — ulcers, piles, asthma — this is all part of an accumulation of the torture and the miserable conditions.

Q — What do you think of the American press coverage of your case?

A — Obviously the press in this country tried to play down my case as much as possible.

I suppose if it were a case of some American being arrested by a country that the Americans don't like, I'm very confident they would make a big uproar about it.

For example, take the case of (Soviet dissident Anatoly) Shcharansky in the Soviet Union. I was very upset, and I told the U.S. consul: "I'm really upset that here you have Shcharansky and you're already talking about political and economic sanctions against the Soviet Union, and yet here I am, and you've done very little."

The position of the American government, through its representative, was always: "We cannot interfere in the internal affairs of an independent sovereign state like Israel."

That's when I said: "What about Shcharansky? You're interfering in the Soviet Union."

And he said: "Well, this is a completely different story." And I said: "I agree. Shcharansky is a Soviet citizen and I am an American citizen."

Q — What do you have to say about the Freedman-Dershowitz article, which defended Israel's treatment of you?

A — The Zionists were so worried about publicizing my case — because it opens people's eyes to the Palestinian case in general — that the Zionist community in the United States sent three professors to attend my trial: Dershowitz, Freedman and a third professor from Michigan State named Bruce Maughn. And Maughn, even though sent by the Jewish community of Lansing, came back and said he is convinced the confessions were

coerced. He said there was no question about that. Of course, the Zionists stopped asking for his help or aid completely.

The "New York Times" gave Dershowitz and Freedman a very big article. When our supporters in Lansing tried to respond, the "Times" said: "Okay, you can respond, but only with 400 words." And then they edited it down to 250 words.

The Freedman-Dershowitz article had so many misstatements — let's call them errors.

They say: "Far from being held incommunicado, Mr. Esmail was visited by U.S. Vice-Consul Davidson, another consular aide and his brother Bassem two days before he confessed."

For one thing, they don't talk about what happened when Mr. Davidson visited me. I talked about that earlier. Mr. Davidson's visit was actually proof that I was completely in the hands of the Zionists and that the U.S. could do absolutely nothing to interfere in my case.

Also, Bassem did not visit me two days before I confessed. Freedman and Dershowitz were obviously trying to get at Bassem for charges he had made. This is a totally false statement.

Later on they say about the torture: "The consul general found no bruises or any other evidence of beatings, and observed: 'I must say that both the vice consul and I found it hard to believe from his appearance that he had not slept, etc.'"

Well, the consul general, Mr. James Kerr, visited me some

five or six days after my interrogation had tapered off from the continuous level to occasional visits by the Shin Beth. When he visited me I had slept. So obviously I would look a lot better than during the first eight days.

So the consul general doesn't have a right to make such a statement. That just shows how biased he is — even though I do not think I looked good at all.

When the consul general came after 15 or 16 days and told me to write out a statement, he put a carbon copy under the paper. I said: "Who is this copy going to?" And he said: "The police."

I said: "By God, man, you want me to write a statement attacking (the police), saying what has happened to me, and you want to go give a copy to the police? The last time I complained to Davidson I got roughed up and beat up again and things got worse."

I was in a state of contradiction. I was scared to write. And so I couldn't completely say everything, because I didn't know what this paper was for. I didn't know I would be going to court; I thought I was just in the hands of the Shin Beth, so I had to be nice and not complain.

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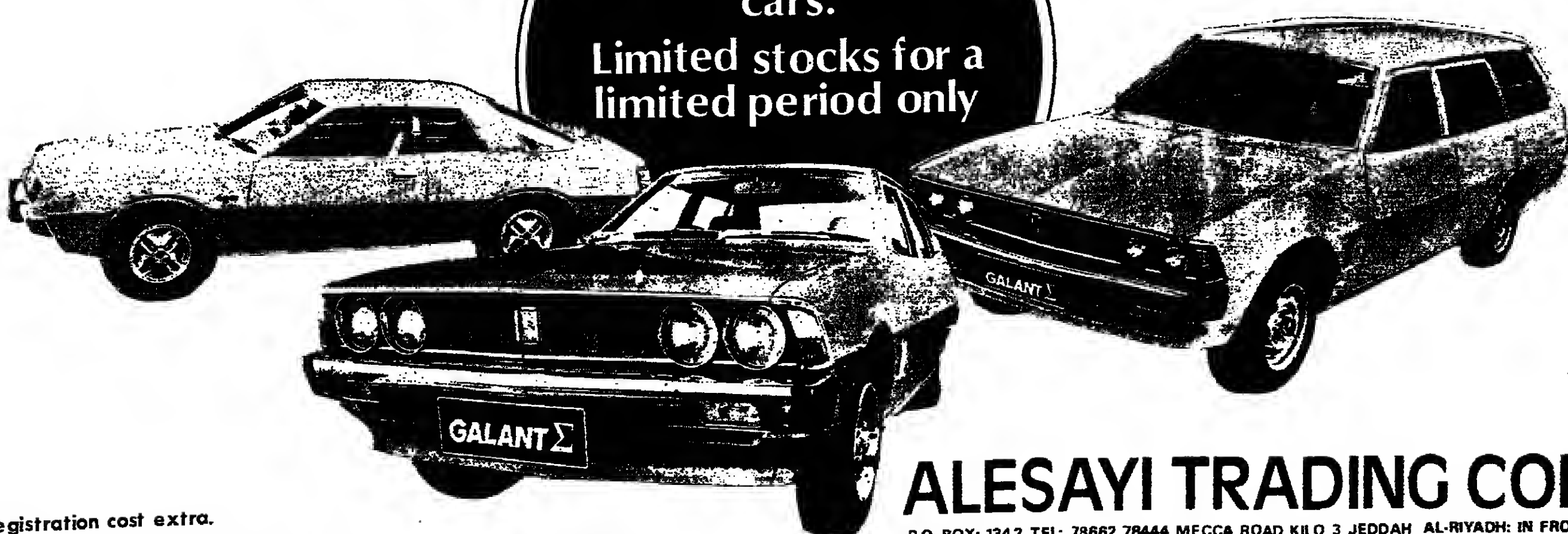
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Nasr, Hilal draw

Ittihad outplays Ahli, 3-1

By David Smith
JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — Saudi soccer's Premier League champion, Al-Ahli of Jeddah Friday lost ground with a 3-1 defeat by city rival Al-Ittihad in a hard-fought local derby.

Ittihad played more composed soccer and to the end ran out a comfortable winner. It now moves into a challenging position for the title, equal with Ahli and three points behind Al-Nasr and Al-Hilal which drew 2-2 in Riyadh Thursday to stay level at the top of the table.

Hilal's Roberto Rivelino, who this week emerged from a hazy by the International Football Association FIFA with Hilal's payment of the balance of his transfer fee to Fluminense of Brazil, showed form with a superb goal from

midfield in the eighth minute, after Nasr's Majed Abdulshah netted in the first minute.

Neither side had a clear edge. Hilal went 2-1 up when Najib Imam scored from a goal-mouth scramble but Nasr managed to even things up in the closing minutes with a goal from Bin Aziza.

Both Riyadh clubs now have 11 points from seven games and only a marginal edge in goals keeps Nasr in front.

In the Jeddah game, Ahli was without its two main strikers Amin Dahbo and Imad Khojaly and it showed. Tarek Diab and Ahmad Al-Saghir strove to compensate for their absence, but could make little impression on a well-organised Ittihad defense.

Both Tarek and Saghir are essentially attacking midfield

players and, with Issa Hawaja marshalling a swarming Ittihad defense and the midfield falling back quickly to assist the back four, they constantly found six or seven black and yellow shirts confronting them as they tried to force their way into scoring positions.

The only two clear-cut chances that Ahli created came from the right wing, but without Dabbo and Khojaly, Ahli did not have the speed and skill on the wings to get behind the defense and cut the ball back to the oncoming attackers.

Ittihad too was without its chief striker, Sweden's Sjöberg, but had sufficient power to reserve to compensate for his absence. Coach Dettmar Crammer must have been pleased with this display, easily best of the season so far.

The defense was solid and uncompromising, and the midfield hard-working with Theo Buecker outstanding. The German number 10 was always in position to help his colleagues and most of the Ittihad attacks came at Buecker's prompting.

Ittihad's third and decisive goal was an example of his generalship. A neat left-wing move created a chance for Issa Hamdan and when his shot was beaten out by the goalkeeper, Buecker was there to pick up the rebound, take the ball to the by-line and float a perfect cross into the goalmouth where Othman Marzouq was waiting to head the ball into the net.

Ittihad had struck the first blow in the 24th minute when Chummaid sent a swerving shot towards goal. The ball looked to be the goalkeeper's all the way, but at the last moment he took his eye off the ball and could only touch it onto the cross-bar, and Hamdan was there to nod in the rebound.

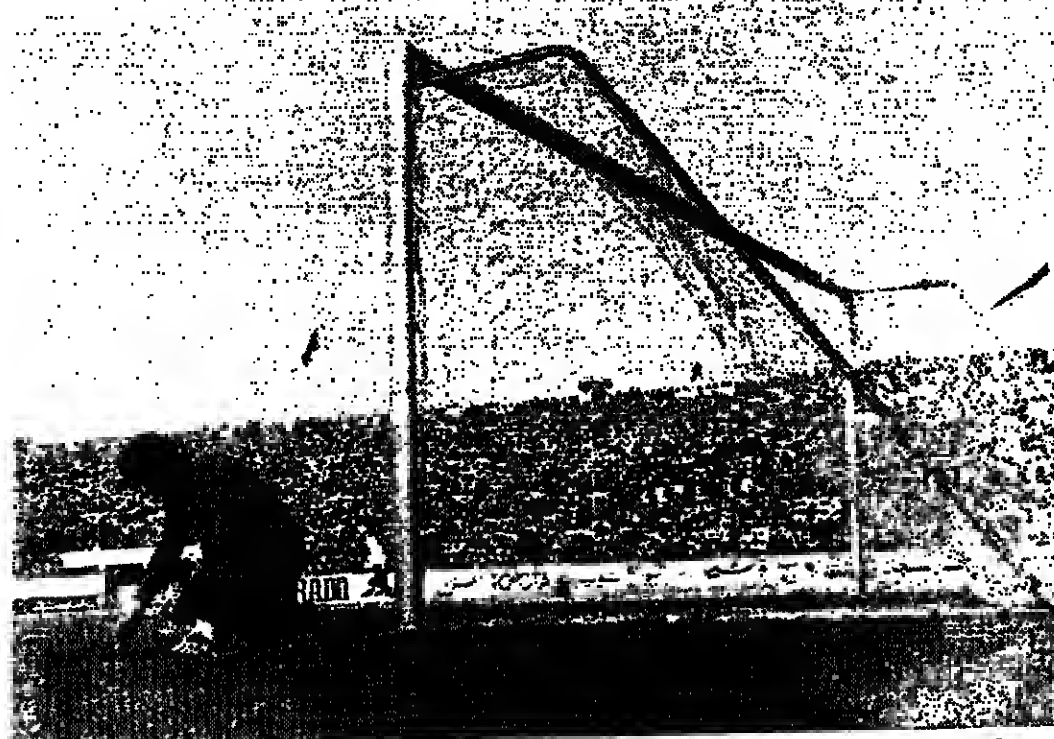
Ahli continued to press forward and six minutes before half-time should have equalized. A neat move on the right prised open the defense, but Tarek lifted the cross over the bar from less than two yards when it seemed easier to score.

In the second half, Ahli piled on early pressure, but its play became ragged as attack after attack foundered. Finally in the 69th minute Ahli equalized with a headed goal by Tarek following a cross by Tariq Al-Khayal from a short corner.

The Ahli joy was short-lived. Ittihad regained the lead five minutes later and it was another tragic defensive error which made the score, 3-1.

Issa Hamdan chased a long through ball from Buecker to the by-line and managed to send a fine cross into the six-yard box. There seemed to be little danger as Wahid Johar made to head clear, but his attempted pass back to his goalkeeper fell woefully short and Abu Samra was able to push the ball into the net for a crucial goal.

Nine minutes later, Ittihad wrapped it up with the third to the loud delight of the Ittihad players and supporters who have lived for so long in the shadow of Ahli's success.



SAVES Nasr goalkeeper Ma brak Al-Turki picks himself up after edging a long Hilal shot round the post. (Omar Bad oia photo)

Wood hits century

Australia makes Test counterattack

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Australia fought its way back into contention for the Ashes with some gutsy batting on the first day of the third and vital Test against England.

A gritty determined 100 not out from Graeme Wood and several fine partnerships took Australia to 243 for four at stumps here Friday night.

Alao Border, playing his first Test, was on 25.

Four of Australia's five partnerships topped 50 and all involved Wood to erase the poor showing in the Brisbane and Perth Tests.

The Australians ground away at the formidable England attack, hampered by a below-par effort from the wire-haired Bob Willis, on a wicket which was of a little help to spin and pace alike.

Australian Captain Graham Yallop, who won his 10th test in a row, had no hesitation in batting. His openers Wood and Rick Darling settled into stride and soon ran up the highest opening Test partnership of the tour.

It was broken at 15 after Darling, hacking up too far for a quick single, was run out for 33.

Australia again looked doomed as Kim Hughes was back in the pavilion within three balls of Darling.

Hughes looked to have played inside a delivery from Ian Botham and was stumped as umpire Max O'Connell raised a finger to a half-hearted appeal.

England, having taken two for no runs in three balls, looked perilously close to taking an early grip on the match, but Wood and Yallop fought back.

They took the score to 126 for two before Yallop on 41 was taken superbly by Mike Hendrick at second slip off Botham.

They had added 61 in 82 minutes for the third wicket.

Wood and Peter Tooley took the score along at almost a run a minute before Tooley was caught by Derek Randall off Geoff Miller, striking firmly to wide mid-on.

Randall ran from mid-wicket to scoop the ball in his left

hand just off the ground.

Tooley's 32 took him 80 minutes and was contributor to a 63-run partnership with Wood.

Wood's innings was his longest in Test cricket. He had been at the crease for six hours for his 100 and he admitted that he had felt a little tired just before tea and that his concentration had started to wane.

S. Korea makes Asia Cup finals

MANILA, Dec. 29 (R)—A goal by left-winger Hui Jung Moo in the 13th minute gave South Korea a 1-0 win over China here Friday night in the Eastern Zone final of the Asian Cup competition.

South Korea will now represent East Asia in the Cup tournament finals in Kuwait next year.

In overtime

Davis leads Phoenix past Blazers, 129-127

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) —Walter Davis is one member of the Phoenix Suns who shines when the game is on the line.

"Walter Davis is unique," said Phoenix coach John MacLeod of his smooth second-year forward. "He shoots under pressure as well as anyone I have ever seen, especially late in the game. He's consistent, a danger — there's no one better."

Davis, the National Basketball Association's Rookie of the Year last season, scored a season-high 42 points against Portland Tuesday night and saved his best for last. He sent the game into overtime with a short jumper with 14 seconds left, then scored four points in the last 56 seconds of the five-minute extra period to help the Suns end the Blazers' five-game winning streak with a 129-127 victory.

Elsewhere in the NBA, the New York Knicks beat the Washington Bullets, 109-99, the Cleveland Cavaliers edged the San Diego Clippers 116-114, the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Milwaukee Bucks, 112-103, and the Chicago Bulls trimmed the Denver Nuggets 111-107.

Davis scored 25 of his points in the second half the overtime as Phoenix moved one-half game ahead of Seattle and one game in front of Los Angeles in the tight Pacific Division race.

Phoenix trailed by as many as 14 points in the third quarter and by 114-107 before Davis and Alvaro Adams led the comeback that pulled it out. Adams had 14 points eight rebounds and eight assists, in-

cluding two big rebounds in the last 34 seconds of overtime.

"We had the game won but we left them get away with it," said Portland coach Jack Ramsay. "Davis played a great game."

Toby Knight scored 23 points and Mike Glenn, making his second start of the year, hit as season-high 21 as New York beat Washington. The Knicks built a 19-point lead in the third quarter, saw the Bullets pull to six behind at 91-85 but put the game away with a 15-4 burst midway through the final period.

Campy Russell scored 25 points for Cleveland, including two free throws with 2:02 left that put the Cavs ahead to stay. Bingo Smith's basket with 20 seconds remaining clinched the victory, which capped San Diego's four-game winning streak and spoiled a 36-point effort by Clippers guard Lloyd Free.

Larry Lenon scored 25 points as San Antonio beat Milwaukee for the third time this year, pulling away in the final five minutes.

Lightning kills Miami jockey

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 29 (AP) — A 25-year-old jockey was struck and killed by lightning at Calder race track Thursday.

Witnesses said Nicomar Navarro, formerly of Panama, was struck as he jogged across the track after the second race of the day. He was dead on arrival at Parkway General Hospital.

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Indian Innings collapse after a skipper's brave 107

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29 (R)—Captain Sunil Gavaskar held India together with a fighting 107 Friday in the third Test against the West Indies and passed two more milestones in his remarkable career.

Gavaskar, 29, became the first Indian to score more than 4,000 runs in Test cricket and also reached 1,000 runs in a calendar year, for the second time in his career.

He achieved the 4,000-run record when he reached 50 with a punishing drive through the covers and completed 1,000 runs in the year when he produced a single to take his score to 97.

Gavaskar then played a flowing oo-drive to bring up his

17th century in 43 Tests and his eighth against the West Indies.

He appeared to have steered India to a position of strength when the Indian total topped 200 for the loss of only four wickets. But Norbert Phillip beat Gavaskar and wrecked the middle-order batting in two devastating overs with the second new ball and India ended the first day on 225 for eight.

Even before lunch, Phillip and Sylvester Clarke had got prodigious swing on the Eden Gardens ground and pinned down the Indian batsmen in the first session of play. But the early threat turned into an Indian nightmare with the new ball.

In Australian Open

Local boy gets revenge on Gullikson

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Local boy Peter McNamara has waited exactly 12 months to get his revenge on American Tim Gullikson. His chance came Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Australian Open and he did not waste it.

McNamara ousted Gullikson, the fourth seed, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 and ended the American's hopes of qualifying for the Colgate Masters final — unless top players carry out their threat to boycott the event.

It was one of the most satisfying wins of the year for McNamara, who grew up in here,

Last year in the Open he had five match points in an early-round match against Gullikson but let the American off the hook.

McNamara, 23, Friday dropped serve with the match in his grasp in the 10th game of the third set leading two sets to love he broke to lead 5-4 and raced to 40-15 on serve. But he twice double-faulted to allow Gullikson to break back and force a tiebreaker.

The Australian finally clinched the match with a backhand cross-court return.

"He played into my hands by always serving to my back-

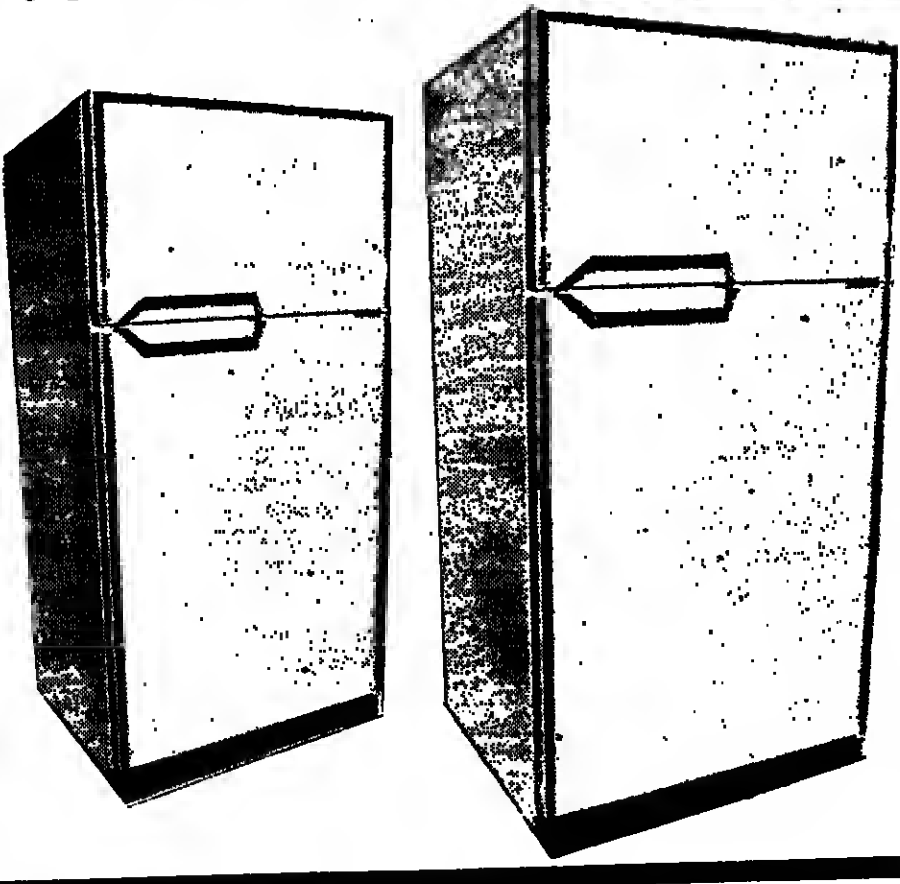
hand. He doesn't have a sliced serve so that's why he served to the backhand, but it suited me fine," McNamara said.

A tactical error also cost another American any chance of victory against veteran Australian Ken Rosewall.

Sherwood Stewart decided to play Rosewall mainly from the baseline and the little Australian cut him to pieces with pinpoint ground strokes. After racing through the first set, 6-2, Stewart let Rosewall claw his way back into the match.

Rosewall took two tiebreakers and a 2-6, 7-6, 7-5, 7-6 victory, advancing to the third round.

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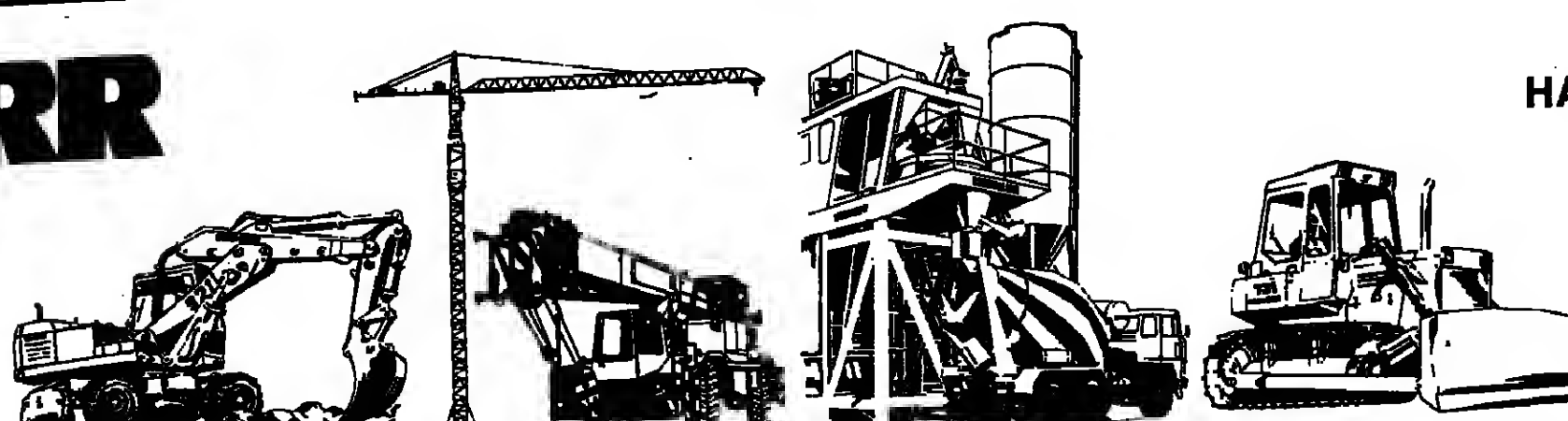


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The rich-and-poor summit discusses global economy

RUNAWAY BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — The seven world leaders attending the "rich and poor" summit here met for the last time Friday under strict security, contrasting with their own informality.

Taking their host, Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley, at his word that this was an informal gathering, the leaders assembled in short-sleeved shirts and slacks.

But the hill-top villa where the meeting is being held was heavily guarded by army patrols and police with dogs, in addition to the personal security guards of some of the leaders, notably President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela.

The other guests are Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany, Prime Ministers

Pierre Trudeau of Canada, Malcolm Fraser of Australia, Odvar Nordli of Norway, and head of state Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.

Manley always wanted to keep the meeting small to encourage informal and frank exchanges — but not quite as small as it is, since both President Carter and Prime Minister James Callaghan declined invitations.

Both leaders will attend a super-power summit on the neighboring French island of Guadeloupe with Schmidt and President Giscard d'Estaing next week.

The Jamaican leader said, "I don't believe that our talks will affect the Guadeloupe summit."

"The leaders in Guadeloupe will discuss politics," he said,

"Enlightened leaders of the industrialized world are beginning to realize that they are better off if they assist in giving the Third World a more dramatic role to developing new trading patterns," Manley said.

Up in Tokyo, down elsewhere

An uneven day for the dollar

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP) — The U.S. dollar recovered from Thursday's setback against the Japanese yen to close the year Friday at 195.05 yen on the Tokyo foreign exchange market.

The Tokyo market will be closed for the New Year holidays. It reopens Jan. 4.

Dealers noted Friday that the dollar was down more than 45 yen from the closing rate on Jan. 5, the first trading day of 1978.

But the dollar sagged on European currency exchanges

United States steel imports rise sharply

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29 (AP) — U.S. steel imports jumped sharply in November and pushed the year-to-date total to a record 19.7 million tons.

The American Iron and Steel Institute said Thursday that 2.01 million tons of foreign steel landed in the United States in November, a 17.4 per cent increase over October's 1.71 million tons.

The 11-month total of 19.7 million tons topped 1977's full-year record of 19.30 million tons. Most steel experts expect the 1978 year-end figure to be well over 20 million tons.

Meanwhile, in Washington the Treasury Department acted Thursday on the first formal complaint by a steel manufacturer since beginning its program to limit steel dumping by foreign producers.



Perez of Venezuela

Sweden halts export guarantees to Iran

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29 (R) — Sweden Friday froze export credit guarantees on about 800 million kronor (180 million) of exports to Iran until the political situation there stabilizes.

An official of the state-owned Export Credit Board said

applications for some 500 million kronor of export guarantees and earlier arrangements to underwrite 300 million kronor had been suspended.

Iran, which is Sweden's largest Middle Eastern market, had exports totaling 1.116 billion kronor to Sweden between January and September this year. Most of this was oil.

Swedish exports to Iran in the same period were worth 734 million kronor.

The board official said: "We are keeping an eye on the situation, waiting for any changes. In the meantime we are not willing to accept any insurance for large transactions."

Strike paralyzes Indian banks

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (R) — A strike by more than 500,000 workers continued to paralyze banking operations across India for the second day Friday. Bank Employees Association said the strike would be followed by other action if their demands were not met including possibly refusing to clear checks Saturday.

Indonesia export prices shoot up

JAKARTA, Indonesia Dec. 29 (AP) — Prices of several export commodities will be raised from 6 to 66 per cent for the first quarter of next year, the department of trade announced Friday. The price of conventional rubber starting Jan. 1 will be increased from U.S. cent 96.50 to U.S. cent 103.50 per kilogram, crumb rubber from 97 per cent to 104 cents per kilogram, centrifuged latex from 101.25 cents to 108.50 cents, palm oil kernel from 590 to \$310 per ton.

Canaries end 4-day hotel strike

LAS PALMAS, Dec. 29 (R) Hotel workers on the Canary Islands Thursday ended a four-day walk-out which left tens of thousands of tourists without hot meals or room service. The agreement followed a decision to end the stoppage in other major resorts on nearby Tenerife.

Friday as it neared the end of a dismal year.

Gold bullion prices jumped. The pound advanced in London to \$2.0330. That represented a nearly six per cent decline for the dollar in a year.

Gold bullion, which ended

last year at about \$165.25 a troy ounce was quoted in Zurich Friday morning at \$225.125, up from \$220.875 late the previous day. In London, Europe's other major bullion market, the price went to \$225.625 compared with \$221.75 late Thursday.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Thursday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	6.74	6.75	6.75
Deutsche Mark	1.82 (100)	181.00	181.00
Swiss F	2.04 (100)	204.50	204.50
French F	0.79 (100)	79.50	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.15	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	112.50	113.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	86.15
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.80
Kirwani Dinar	—	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg	—	23.150	—
10 Tolas bar	—	2,710	—
Silver kg bar	—	665	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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* Municipality of Onaizah	Securing of municipality's agricultural requirements as per specifications	6	30	Jan. 21
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TENNIN MARU	ALIREZA	VEHICLES	28.12.1978
KYOJIN MARU	ALIREZA	VEHICLES	28.12.1978
DIMITRIOS	ABUSHAL	DURRA	28.12.1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 47,464

5-WAITING TIME-NIL

Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any enquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 28.12.1978

TIME: 0700 HRS.

1-Vessels Working the Ship Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	AUSTRALIA STAR	BARBER	CONTAINERS	27.12.1978
3	TYSLA	BARBER	GEN. CONTAINERS	27.12.1978
4	OCEAN CORACLE	ALSAADA	GEN. CEMENT	27.12.1978
5	RISHI	ORRI	GENERAL	27.12.1978
6	VISHWAMITRA	KANOO	GEN. CONTINERS	27.12.1978
7	IBN SINA	KANOO	LOADING UREA	27.12.1978
8	AL RAHMAN	GULF	RICE BAGS	27.12.1978
9	CLIMAX PEARL	U.E.F.	GENERAL	27.12.1978
10	HIAZ	KANOO	GEN. TRESTLE	27.12.1978
11	CHAR HWA	JOSEPH	C. CEMENT	27.12.1978
12	NADIA	KANOO	STEEL GEN	27.12.1978
13	BRILLIANT STAR	ALSAADA	STEEL GEN	27.12.1978
14	STRATHDIRK	KANOO	GENERAL	27.12.1978
15	EASTERN WAVE	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	27.12.1978
16	IDB	KANOO	SHEEP	27.12.1978
17	ARIES CHIEF	KANOO	GEN RICE PIPES	27.12.1978
18	WINONA	KANOO	—	27.12.1978

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INTER BARGE NO.	ALIREZA	GENERAL	ARR. DATE
ARAB AL RYAD	BARBER	STEEL BARS	27.12.1978
BARGE ON-15	—	—	27.12.1978

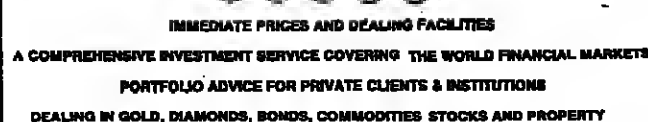
Vessels Working at Anchorage

PRIMULA	S.M.C	BULK CEMENT	ARR. DATE
JOTUN	GULF	—	27.12.1978

2-Recent Arrivals


VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
OCEAN CORACLE	ALSAADA	GEN. CONTAINERS	27.12.1978
TYSLA	BARBER	CONTAINERS	27.12.1978
ARAB AL RYAD	SCSA	GENERAL	27.12.1978
TENACY	ALGOSAB	C. CEMENT	27.12.1978
BARGE ON-15	BARBER	STEEL BARS	27.12.1978
IBN SINA	KANOO	MACHINERY	27.12.1978
CHAR HWA	KANOO	GENERAL	27.12.1978
HIAZ	KANOO	GEN. RICE PIPES	27.12.1978
WINONA	KANOO	GENERAL	27.12.1978
INTER BARGE NO. 2	ALIREZA	GENERAL	27.12.1978
RISHI	ORRI	—	27.12.1978
VISHWAMITRA	BARBER	STEEL BARS	27.12.1978
BARGE ON-17	—	—	27.12.1978

3-Vessels Expected With in 48 Hours



International Finance

International Bourse, commodities, Money and Exchange Rates



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أسعار الأسهم في البورصات الدولية الرئيسية
INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

	Closing Dec. 78	Closing Dec. 79
Assets		
Current assets	\$10,600	\$10,600
Fixed assets	1,400	1,400
Total assets	\$12,000	\$12,000
Liabilities & Equity		
Current liabilities	\$1,000	\$1,000
Long-term liabilities	—	—
Equity	11,000	11,000
Total liabilities & equity	\$12,000	\$12,000

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Metal Box Ltd	304	
Midland Bank	379	
Lat. Westminter	284½	
P & O	424	
Phillips	83	
Plessey Co.	109	
Prudential Assur.	147	
Rank Organisation	246	
Reckitt & Coleman	453½	
Reid & Taylor	153½	
Reliance	224	
Rio Tinto Zinc Corp.	229½	
Royal Insurance	357½	
Rowell & Mason	31	
Said, Chartered Bank	436½	
Sat. de Lybe	147	
Shaw & Carter	365	
Tube Investments	369	
Unilever & Newell	349½	
USG Group	87	
Unicover	538	
Woolworth F.W. (Hk)	295½	
Woolworth F.W. (Hk)	62½	

اسعار اسهم

شركات النفط البريطانية

DECEMBER 20

LONDON CLOSING OIL STOCKS

British Petroleum	93½
Burmah Oil Co.	84
Hardfield Ltd.	84
N.C.A. International	133
London & Scottish Marine	205
London & Scottish Petroleum (Ord)	137
Oil Exploration	222
Premier Oil Co.	141
Royal Dutch Petroleum	642.10
Shell	865½
Standard Oil Co. (N.Y.)	862
Tricontinental	156

المؤشر المالي الرسمي للاستثمار والسندات البريطانية							
FINANCIAL TIMES STOCK INDICES							
	Dec 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 21	Dec. 19	Dec. 18	A year ago
Government Secs.	68.64	68.64	68.67	68.55	68.49	68.64	77.80
Fixed Interest	74.22	74.23	74.27	70.31	70.33	70.09	80.54
Industrial Ordinary	479.4	478.2	479.3	478.3	478.2	478.1	490.4
Gold Mines	143.2	142.5	141.1	139.3	141.4	148.2	154.5
Gold Mines (25-5 pmt) ...	100.2	99.6	99.8	99.9	101.0	101.2	114.2
Earnings 7.50% (half) ...	16.04	6.83	6.83	6.83	6.82	6.85	5.45
Ord. Div. Yield	16.00	15.82	15.79	15.83	15.62	15.99	16.55
P/E Ratio (net)(*)	8.12	8.21	8.23	8.21	8.15	8.12	8.54
Dividends	2,445	1,474	1,793	3,383	3,083	3,083	3,489
Equity turnover fm	—	—	6.89	27.59	51.96	40.51	51.98
—	—	5,057	6,039	9,997	10,328	12,385	11,543

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Latest Index @1-236 8926.

HIGHS AND LOWS					SEACTIVITY		
	1978	Since Completion			Dec. 27	Dec. 22	
	High	Low	High	Low			
Govt. Secs. . .	78.58	67.92	127.4	49.10	— Daily	75.6	53.2
	(131/11)	(10/11)	(91/104)	(13/175)	Income tax . .	76.01	61.5
Fixed inst. . .	81.27	69.30	150.4	50.33	Speculative . .	75.1	60.3
	(191/1)	(13/14)	(104/114)	(14/175)	Yields	74.0	49.0
Int. Ord. . . .	53.55	43.34	549.2	49.4	5-day Average		
	(114/9)	(2/2)	(14/1977)	(264/108)	Gilt-Edged . .	92.7	107.0
Gold Mines . .	206.12	146.09	266.0	101.0	Income tax . .	91.0	102.1
	(114/16)	(29/11)	(222/275)	160/1871)	Speculative . .	21.6	3.5
					Gold Yr.	68.7	

Gold Mines ..	132.3	90.3	337.1	54.3	1988	1987	1986
(Ex-\$ pm)	114/8	118/41	134/741	125/8/761			

HOLIDAY ADVISORY

The following is a closing schedule of major world financial centers during the holidays:
UNITED STATES: Stock exchanges, commodities markets and banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Also, most commodities exchanges will close at midday on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.
CANADA: The Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26, and on Jan. 1.

JAPAN: Money markets, bondmarkets and government agencies will be closed from Dec. 30 through Jan. 3. Securities and commodities markets will be closed from Dec. 25 through Jan. 3 — there will be morning sessions on Jan. 4.

BRITAIN: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1. Also, markets will close early on Dec. 22.

BELGIUM: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1. In addition, the Brussels stock exchange will be closed on Dec. 29. Also, the offices of the European Community (EC) will close early on Dec. 22 and will remain closed until midday Jan. 2.

NETHERLANDS: Markets and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

LUXEMBOURG: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

SWITZERLAND: The Zurich stock exchange will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and 29 and on Jan. 1 and 2. Banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1 and 2.

DENMARK: Money and commodities markets will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

AUSTRALIA: The Sydney stock exchange, the Sydney wool exchange and banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

HONG KONG: Markets and banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.
SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
KARACHI: Markets will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26, but open Jan. 1.
MEXICO: Markets will close early Dec. 23 and will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 29 and on Jan. 1.

سوق تبادل العملات « لندن »
LONDON FOREIGN EXCHANGES

December 25		Range
USA	2.6755-2.6775	
Canada	2.4000-2.4020	
	2.4125-2.4125	

Banfield	239.10	221.80
Eastman	239.10	218.80
Mackell Ercole	218.50	218.80
Magnani Marelli	507	510
Mediaset	346.00	339.00
Miliranone	196.00	197.00
Montedison	14.00	14.00
Montefiore	14.00	14.00
Olivetti Oro	94.2	96.0
Olivetti Priv.	11.28	11.4
Pirelli	382	370
Pirelli & Co	280	181.00
Pirelli S.p.A.	300	300
Ricciarini	55.50	56.50
Saba	670	670
Sala Vercelli	14.00	14.00
Selenia	1699	1700

NOTES: Overseas prices shown exclude 5 percent. Italian dividends are stated without withholding tax.
* In U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise stated.
† Plus 50% deposit, unless otherwise stated.
‡ Kc. 100 deposit, unless otherwise stated.
§ Plus 50% deposit, unless otherwise stated.
¶ Yen 50 deposit, unless otherwise stated.
** Ex = Excl. ex = Exscripto mains, nt = Ex drive
†† rights. UNQ = Unquoted.
SUSP = Suspended.

EURO CURRENCY

	Dec. 27	Starting	U.S. Dollar
Short term ..	11½-11¾	10¼-10½	
7 days notice	12-12½	10¼-10½	
1 month	12-12½	10¼-10½	
3 months	12½-13½	11½-12½	
Six months	12¾-13¼	12½-12¾	
One year	13½-13¾	12-12½	

The following nominal rates were quoted for:
11.95-12.05 per cent; one year 11.70-11.80 per cent;
12.00-12.10 per cent; three months 10.90-10.95 per cent;
Swiss francs. Asian rates are changing more slowly.

Operating Prices	
Belgium	58.50-58.65
Italy	20.50-20.60
Holland	4.0025-4.0030
Switzerland	3.3000-3.3100
N. Germany	3.7075-3.7175
Sweden	0.6850-0.7050
Norway	10.10-10.15
Denmark	18.300-18.3200
Austria	27.15-27.25
France	12.85-12.95
Spain	142.80-142.90
Japan	393.14-393.74
STG	2.0360-2.0370
BFR CON	28.70-28.75
DM	3.3600-3.3650
FFR	4.1700-4.1750
DM	32.00-32.00
LIT	1.9670-1.9700
ESP	1.6250-1.6250
Portug	1.5200-1.5200
YEN	193.50-193.75
AUS	13.11-13.13
DKR	5.9675-5.9750
NKR	4.9675-4.9750
POIT	55.40-55.50
SKR	4.3900-4.3930

DOLLAR CROSS RATES	
Guilder	1.9775
Belgian Franc	28.900
Deutschmark	1.8328
Swiss Franc	4.8125
Spain	20.1500
France	76.16-78.16
Mexico	32.78-32.72

Strg. one month 10-5 disc, two months 22-17 disc,
 three months 39-34 disc, six months 79-66 disc.

Hong Kong Dollars	4.2630	twelve months 175-165 dls.
French Franc	832.960	Case, one month 3-4 prem, two months 18-12
Italian Lira	194.150	prem, three months 19-21 prem, six months 52-55
Japanese Yen	1.6308	prem, twelve months 74-84 prem.
Swiss Franc		

INTEREST RATES اسعار فوائد العملات الأوروبية

Canadian Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
4-8 1/2	10-10 1/2	U16-3/16	6 1/2-6 3/4	10-11	8-15	—	73/16-5/16

4-8½	10-10½	para-	4x-5	10-11	12x-15½	11 15/16-14 1/8	7/16-1/16
8-10½		1/16-1/16	3x-3½	3x-9	12x-14½	14 1/8-14 3/16	7/16-1/16
10-11 1/16	9x-9½	1/16-3/16	3x-3½	9-9½	14-15½	11 9/16-11 1/16	1/8-15/16
9x-11½	9-9½	5/16-7/16	3-4	9x-9½	15-16	12 1/16-12 3/16	2 3/16-2 9/16
9-11	8½-9½	13/16-15/16	4-4½	9x-10	14-16½	12 1/16-12 3/16	2x-2½

London dollar certificates of deposit: One month 11.15-11.25 per cent; three months 11.50-11.60 per cent; six months 11.75-11.85 per cent; Long-term Eurodollar deposits: two years 10%-11% per cent; three years 10%-10% per cent; four years 10%-10% per cent. Short-term rates are call for sterling, U.S. dollars and Canadian dollars; two days' notice for guilders and Japanese yen.

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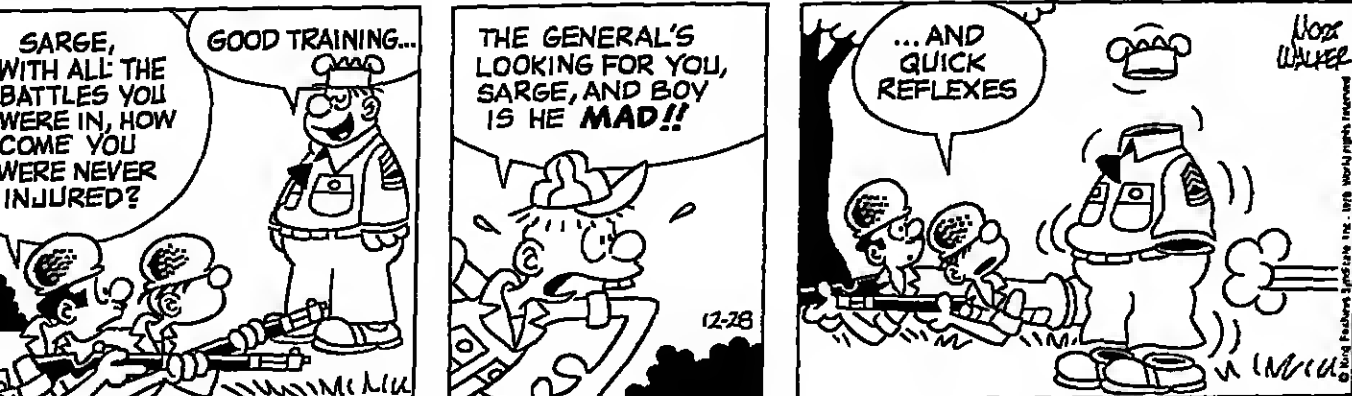
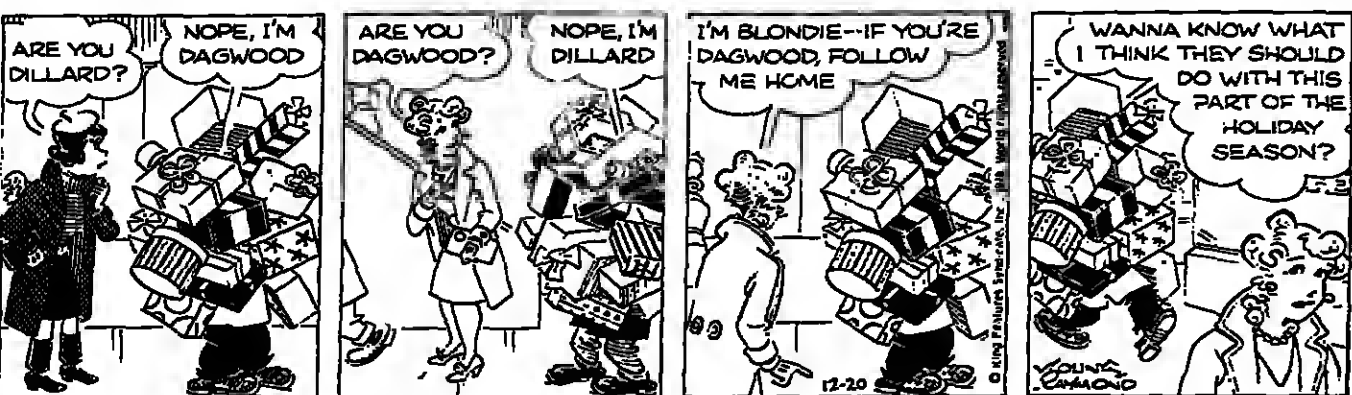
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Dennis the Menace



"I ALWAYS GET VOTED DOWN TWO-TO-ONE... THAT'S WHY I WANT A BROTHER!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fortitude

5 Assignments

11 - avis

12 Nymph of Mount Ida

13 Concerning grumps

14 Nebraska river

15 Intercede

17 Hunting or Weems

18 Durnish

19 Order of animals: suff. twist

20 Charist village

21 Before Lat.

22 Wensel

23 Bengal beast

24 Lacinated

27 Knightly title

28 Skill

29 Hear - (learn)

32 Card game

33 Craftsman

35 Twine

37 Designate

38 Svetlana's dad

39 Czech river

40 Grenade ingredient

41 Make afresh



Yesterday's Answer

16 "Play It

25 Joust

27 Traquill

28 Unspoken

29 Oklahoma

30 The Indian

31 Ministers

34 Franco - burning

36 Ms. MacGraw

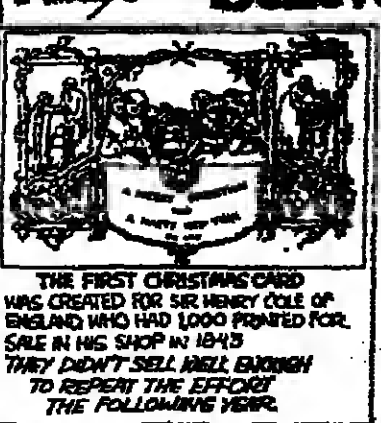
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXX IS LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

X VBJXV NGTS GL BZS
NMB LGWL PE NGWM JBP NMSZ
JBP XUS LGHY XZQ EPWL PE
NGWM JBP NMSZ JBP XUS
NSVV - LBPUS PZYBNZ
Yesterday's Cryptquote: PATIENCE CANNOT REMOVE, BUT IT CAN ALWAYS DIGNIFY AND ALLEVIATE MISFORTUNE. - L. STIERNE

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 10 7 5 2

♥ 7

♦ K 9 7 5 3 2

♣ J 9

EAST

♠ A Q 8 4 3

♥ Q 10

♦ A Q J 10 9 8 4 2

♣ A 6

SOUTH

♠ A K J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 5 2

The bidding:

West North East South

5♠ Pass Pass Pass

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead - ace of diamonds

The deal occurred during the 1957 European championship in the match between Great Britain and Lebanon. When the British held the East-West cards at the first table, the bidding went as shown. West led the ace of diamonds and was then faced with the problem of what to do next.

In line with the partnership arrangement used by the British pair, East's six play at trick one could have been based on either the singleton ace or the doubleton K-Q. South had played the deuce on the ace.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

SATURDAY	Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:37	7:03	12:28	3:33	5:50	7:20
Medina	5:43	7:09	12:30	3:29	5:45	7:15
Nejd	5:08	6:38	11:56	2:56	5:12	6:42

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	Top Cat: Space Monkey
4:30 Fantastic Four	The Micro World of Dr. Doom
4:51 Wide World of Sports	IROC No. 1 Inter. Race
5:43 Wakons	The Test
6:31 Welcome Back Kotter	And Baby Makes Four Part 1
7:05 That's My Mama	The Witness
7:30 Charles Angels	Lady Killers
8:16 Saint III	The Angel's Eye
9:04 Best Sellers	Wheels Part II

WEATHER

The weather will be rather cold in the northern, central and eastern provinces, leading to fog and frost from night to dawn. It will remain moderate in the western and south-western regions with low clouds. Winds will be mostly northeasterly to northwesterly at slow to moderate speeds. Sea conditions in territorial water will be calm to moderate.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)				
Mecca	30	21	Jizan	31
Jeddah	30	22	Tabuk	19
Riyadh	19	12	Rafha	20
Dhahran	22	14	Yanbu	29
Medina	23	12	K. Meshait	21
Taif	19	12	Abha	21

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:04 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:05 A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:18 S.A. Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:21 Off the Record	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:00 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
2:01 On Islam	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
2:02 Islam the Divine Truth	11:10 Press Review
2:03 Music	11:15 The Sixties
2:04 NEWS	11:45 The World of Uniter
2:05 Press Review	12:00 Islamic Contributions
2:15 Music	12:15 The Songwriters
2:20 My Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:50 Close Down	12:55 Close Down

VOA

F.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	12:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:05 Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analysis	11:00 Special English: News
8:30 Details	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 News Summary	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:05 Special English: News; Features; The Making of a Nation	12:00 News... news-makers' voices... correspondents' reports... background features... media comment... news analyses.
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup	
10:05 Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analysis	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6.00 Radio Newsweek
8:30 Sarah Ward	6.15 Outlook
8:45 World Today	7.00 World News
9:00 Newsweek	7.09 Commentary
9:30 Opera Star	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10:00 World News	7.45 World Today
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	8.00 World News
10:30 Sarah Ward	8.09 Books and Writers
10:45 Something to Show You	8.30 Take One
11.00 World News	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.09 Reflections	9.00 World News
11.15 Piano Style	9.09 News about Britain
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.15 Radio Newsweek
1200 World News	9.30 Farming World
12:09 British Press Review	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.15 World Today	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.30 Financial News	10.43 Look Ahead
12.40 Look Ahead	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.45 The Tony Myan Request Show	11.00 World News
12:50 World News	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12:59 Close Down	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
	Midnight Transmission
	1.15 Ulster in Focus
	1.30 Discovery
	2.00 World News
	2.09 News about Britain
	2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
	2.30 Sports International
	2.40 Radio Newsweek
	2.45 Promenade Concert
	3.45 Sports Round-up
	4.00 World News
	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1978	Unexpected news may bring unexpected pleasure. Children and other loved ones will appreciate your concern for them now.
What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.	LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎ The accent is on the family unit now. An older relative may come up with a solution to a problem that's vexed you for some time now.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈ You can make valuable career gains now, despite the reservations of others. Resist the temptation to tell someone off.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏ Others are especially responsive to your views now. Don't spoil this beautiful occasion with an unkind word. Get in touch with old friends.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉ If you're concerned about a child's educational progress, now's the time to investigate new schools or to talk with advisers. Protect health.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐ You should have sufficient funds or financial backing now to go ahead with a long delayed business venture. If not, seek same.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊ You may abruptly call off a planned misadventure in order to tackle either business or domestic responsibility at which you'll succeed.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑ Added self-confidence brings you benefits in the social sphere as well as friends who'll help you with your problems. Be ruthless.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋ If a close one brings up a touchy topic, try to be cooperative, as together you'll find a solution. The accent is on romance.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒ Confidential activities are the key to business progress now. Career gains possible through keeping a low profile and private maneuvers.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌ Post-holiday sales should offer you a bargain for the house. A family member may come to your rescue with financial aid.	PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓ Investigate new ideas, but stick to tried-and-true methods for your best success. Social life is hectic, but satisfying.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍	

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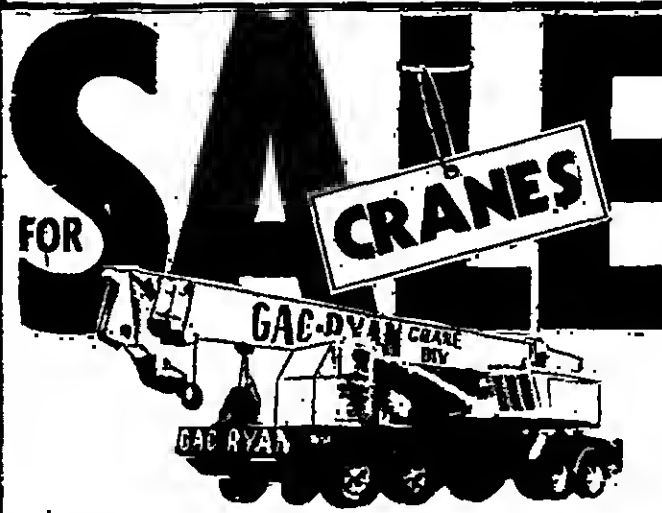
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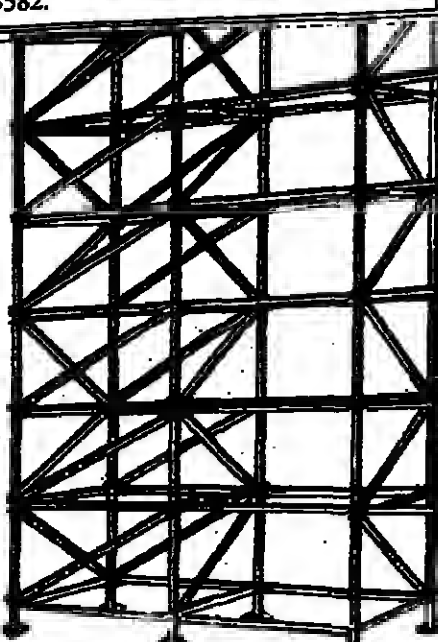
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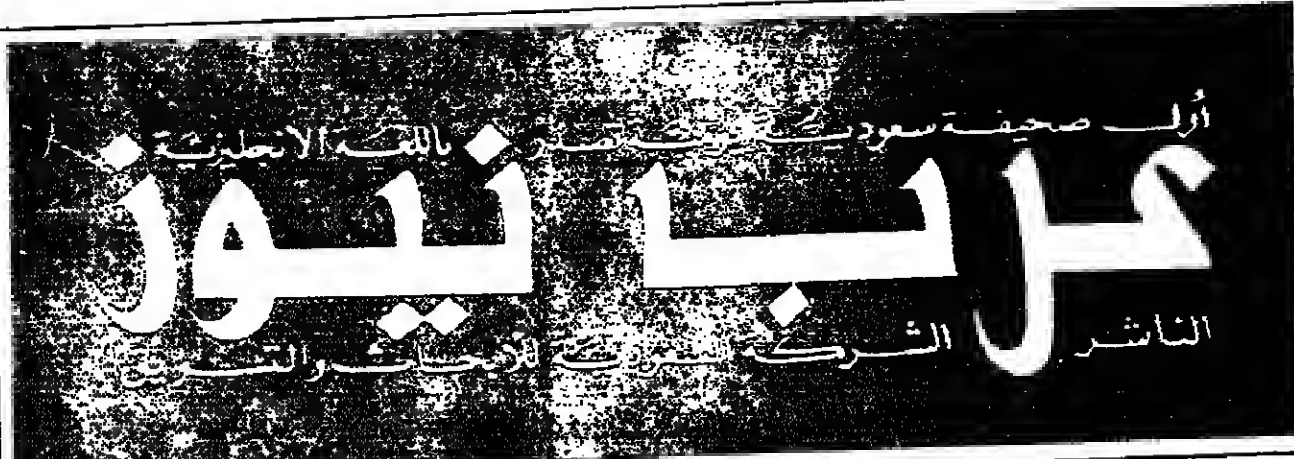
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Late News

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As constitution becomes law

Suarez calls early election in Spain

MADRID, Dec. 29 (AP)—Spain's new democratic constitution became law Friday and Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez promptly called general elections for next March 1.

Suarez waited until the Constitution, which King Juan Carlos signed recently to bury formally four decades of right-wing dictatorship, had taken effect with its publication in the official gazette before revealing his political plans.

Early Elections
He said the Cabinet and the Executive Committee of his ruling Democratic Center Union (UCD) Party had unanimously approved his proposal to dissolve parliament and call early elections.



The king signs the constitution to dissolve parliament and call early elections.

The prime minister said that municipal elections would be held on April 3, a month after the vote for Spain's two houses of parliament — the Senate and the Congress of Deputies.

The constitution empowers the premier to dissolve the Cortes, Spain's parliament. The decree, which must be signed by the king, fixes the date of elections.

In Spain's first parliamentary elections following the death of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, held June 15, 1977, Suarez's UCD won 33.98 percent of the popular vote, the Socialists 28.5 percent and right-wing Popular Alliance 8 percent.

Recent polls have shown Felipe Gonzalez Socialists, leading the UCD but indicated Suarez remained Spain's most popular political leader, favored by almost 50 percent of the electorate.

Socialist leaders have said their own soundings indicated a drop in their potential vote following the disclosure in November of a plot by right-wing military and police officers to overthrow the government.

The Socialists said they believed that voters were frightened by the memory of the 1936-39 civil war in which Franco defeated the left-wing Republicans.

Mandate

The DUC lacks 14 votes for the absolute majority required for a vote of confidence in the Congress of deputies but politicians said Suarez might be able to bargain for support from Basque and Catalan moderates.

Political leaders have predicted that the 46-year-old premier would choose elections in an attempt to renew a mandate called into question by the abstention of almost a third of the electorate in the Dec. 6 constitutional referendum.

The election campaign was expected to begin around mid-January despite the risk of fresh political violence. Two-thirds of it in Spain's troubled Basque Country, that has claimed 97 lives this year.

Two gunmen fired on Kennedy, experts testify at House panel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (R) — A Congressional committee which has probed the assassination of President Kennedy for the past two years was told Friday that two gunmen were almost certainly involved.

Cardiff commerce unit to send delegates here

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — A delegation representing the Cardiff, Wales, Chamber of Commerce will be visiting the country from the 5th to the 19th of January next year. The mission members represent various industries for export. In Jeddah they will be staying at the Meridien Hotel from the 5th to the 9th, in Riyadh at the Intercontinental from the 10th to the 15th and in Dhahran from the 16th to the 19th at Al-Gosabi.

The industries they represent include office supplies, pipes, steel cabinets, workshop machinery, chrome and silver plated gifts, and plastic household goods.

Hurricane sends blizzard howling across Germany

FLENSBURG, West Germany, Dec. 29 (AP)—A blizzard driven by hurricane-force winds swept across northern Germany Friday, cutting power lines, closing highways under meter-high drifts and stranding thousands.

The autobahn linking West Germany's northernmost state of Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark was ordered closed to traffic because of the danger of snow on the highway. Flooding occurred in Flensburg, Lubeck, Schleswig and Kappeln as the winds swept the region, and conditions worsened hour by hour as the temperature dropped.

Repair crews were unable to reach down electrical lines because roads were blocked by drifting snow and stalled vehicles, and even snow plows were unable to move.

The new evidence presented by two prominent acoustics experts contradicted the Warren Commission's finding 14 years ago that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

That commission's investigation into the November, 1963, assassination concluded that Kennedy was killed by three shots fired by Oswald from above and behind the presidential limousine.

But acoustics experts Mark Weiss and Ernest Aschkenasy told the committee there was a probability of 95 per cent or better that a fourth shot was fired from a grassy knoll in front of the motorcade.

The experts based their conclusion on an analysis of a tape recording of the sounds transmitted by a motorcycle policeman's radio microphone, accidentally left on during the shooting.

The two men, who said they used basic, well-established principles of acoustics to make their analysis, were the main witnesses called for Friday the committee's final day of public hearings.

Their evidence is the most scientific information yet put forward to support the myriad conspiracy theories.

The House of Representatives Assassinations Committee which has also investigated the 1968 killing of black civil rights leader Martin Luther King, will cease to exist at the end of the year.

Bermuda beaches hit by oil slick from freighter

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 29 (R) — Fuel oil from a grounded freighter began to reach the north shore of Bermuda Friday and officials said there was a serious threat of pollution.

Workmen began to install booms across some of the Caribbean island's picturesque bays, and equipment and experts from salvage firms and companies specializing in pollution control were being flown in.

An official said: "It's a serious threat but not a disaster." The oil is from the fuel tanks of the 13,462-ton Liberian-registered freighter Mari Boeing, which grounded on reefs nine miles north of the island on Wednesday.

All its crew of 24 Taiwanese were reported Thursday to be safe. The Mari Boeing was sailing to Port Said from Newport News, Virginia, with containers and general cargo. Tugs are due here on Sunday to try to pull it off the reef.

Festive Peking greets U.S. newsmen

By John Roderick
PEKING, Dec. 29 (AP)—The first of 27 American correspondents arrived in Peking Friday to cover the establishment of diplomatic relations between China, the world's most populous country, and the United States, its richest and most powerful.

The centerpiece of the occasion will be a party on New Year's Day, given by Leonard Woodcock, head of the U.S. Liaison Office, at which Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping will toast the new era.

A similar party, expected to be attended by President Carter, will be held in Washington.

They are to be the only ceremonies.

Historic moment approaches

For the 74-year-old Teng, the event will mark the fulfillment of the hope of his old friend and patron the late Premier Chou En-lai, who began the normalization in 1971, with ping-pong diplomacy followed by the visit to Peking of Richard Nixon a year later.

The first American reporters, representing the Associated Press, United Press International, and the "New York Times," found year-end parties already in progress.

Hotel posters advertised a New Year's Eve dance at the International Club lasting until 5 a.m.

A small but significant item, the dance reflects the extent of social changes by Teng's bold drive to modernize China in the next 22 years.

At one of the parties, given for the resident press corps, there were toasts to U.S.-China friendship, some pasting references to Taiwan and questions about how the American public had received the news of recognition unexpectedly announced by Carter and Communist Chairman Hua Kuo-feng two weeks ago.

Chinese reporters acknowledged that differences existed between Peking and Washington on the U.S.-Taiwan security treaty for another year and the sale of defensive weapons to the nationalists. "But we agreed to normalization despite that," said one.

Begin

sumption of talks, and Begin said Israel was willing to reopen the talks.

"We are hopeful of the responses on the basis of what

was said," Carter said. Asked whether shuttle diplomacy was under consideration to tie up the remaining issues, the spokesman said Vance had no such plans at the moment.

Boumediene

massed in the center of the crowded city of 2-1 million.

The sound of prayers from scores of mosques melded with mournful shouts of the tearing, pushing masses of Algerians, some of whom had marched for two days to the capital from outlying areas after the announcement of the president's death Wednesday.

U.S.-PLO

search for a comprehensive settlement.

U.S. officials are reportedly now seeking ways to bring the PLO into the peace process and find a politically acceptable formula for public contacts with the resistance movement.

Palermo black box found

PALERMO, Sicily Dec. 29 (AP) — Frogmen Friday recovered from 50 meters the flight recorder of an Alitalia DC-9 jetliner that ditched into the sea broke up and sank

three miles short of Palermo Airport last week killing 108 of 129 persons aboard.

Two more bodies were also recovered, and the undersea search continues for the rest.

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Opposition

ces from the 7th Fleet periodically have cruised in the Indian Ocean over the past seven years.

A carrier, if sent, normally would be accompanied by about three destroyers and an oiler. The carriers support about 90 combat aircraft.

The Navy now has a four-ship task force in the Arabian sea, Pentagon sources said.

That task force — which in

cludes a guided-missile cruiser, a guided-missile destroyer, a frigate and an oiler — has not entered the Gulf, they said.

The sources said the cruiser-led task force entered the Indian Ocean on Nov. 15 and has taken part in annual maneuvers with warships of Iran, Pakistan and Britain.

Officials at the Iranian foreign ministry said they had

received no official word of reported U.S. plans to send the naval force.

A foreign office source said the U.S. reports could be a trial balloon from Washington to determine the possible Soviet reaction to such a move.

A U.S. official Friday accused the Soviet Union of beaming radio broadcast at Iran aimed at undermining stability in the country.

The official, who asked not to be named, said the broadcasts, made in two languages from the Soviet Union, represented a step up from what the United States regarded as normal levels of propaganda.

Earlier Thursday, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the United States supports the Shah of Iran "in whatever he undertakes" to restore stability to his country.

He said he intended to convey the message that American support for the Shah has not changed or wavered during the months of turmoil.

settlement issue.

Begin, a longtime supporter of the Gush Emunim movement which sponsored the wildcat settlements, refused to condemn the settlers. Asked for comment on the attempts, he replied abruptly, "It was unauthorized."

In another development, the United States Thursday voiced hope for an early resumption of Israeli-Egyptian peace talks.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said official responses were still awaited to ideas discussed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Israeli and Egyptian negotiators in Brussels last week-end.

But he welcomed statements by both Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Begin Wednesday.

Sadat said the chances were "very good" for an early re-

sumption of talks, and Begin said Israel was willing to reopen the talks.

"We are hopeful of the responses on the basis of what

accompanied by a solemn muted drumbeat.

The army fired a 100-gun salute during the final walk to the graveyard.

The funeral rites were held while Algiers radio broadcast appeals for calm. Scenes of mass hysteria during which several persons were nearly trampled to death erupted Thursday while crowds of mourners filed past Boumediene's body, lying in state in the People's Palace.

Hours before the funeral, police reinforcements blocked off side streets along the route to the cemetery in an attempt to limit the number of crowds

Scanlon heads Queen's honors

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — Ex-Communist trade union leader Hugh Scanlon, auto racer Jack Brabham and opera soprano Joan Sutherland were among scores of eminent and obscure Britons cited Saturday in the Queen's New Year Honors List.

Scanlon, 65, retired head of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, is one of six new life peers. Moderation and cooperation with the labor party government.

Miss Sutherland, 55, an Australian who specializes in Italian opera, and entertainer Gracie Fields, 80 — both already companions of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) — advanced to Dame commanders, the order Brabham, also an Australian, received a knighthood for "distinguished service to the sport of motor racing" during a long career as a champion driver and racing car builder.

William Empson, whose work "seven types of ambiguity" had a profound effect on literary criticism, is knighted.

Singer Olivia Newton-John, 30, is given the Order of the British Empire (OBE) rank. So does Miss Euphemia Brown, lately deputy head teacher at a junior school.

Gordon Jackson, who played the butler in "Upstairs, Downstairs" is also awarded the OBE.

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